



GOP Corners Midterm Election Enthusiasm Obama Approval Rating at 45%

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

GOP Over Dems on Enthusiasm for Midterm Elections

According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, about one-third of registered voters nationwide -- 33% -- report they are *very* enthusiastic about casting their ballot this November.

Republican voters are more excited about their vote than are Democratic voters. 46% of Republican voters compared with 30% of Democrats are very enthusiastic about voting in the upcoming midterm elections. 23% of independent voters also express a high level of enthusiasm.

"This is what the campaign strategists are calculating. GOPers want to reinforce the gap in enthusiasm. The White House wants to close it," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "If it remains this large through the November elections, hold onto your hats when it comes to the makeup of the next Congress."

The oldest members of the national electorate are more enthusiastic than the youngest members. 43% of voters 60 and older, compared with 16% of those younger than 30, are very enthusiastic about casting their ballot in November.

Electorate Divides Over GOP Control of Congress

Do voters want control of Congress to be passed from the Democrats to the Republicans? 48% do, 46% do not, and 6% are unsure.

Not surprisingly, opinions divide along party lines with most Republican voters -- 92% -- saying they want their party to have control of Congress. 87% of Democrats do not. Independent voters divide. 43% of this all-important voting block want the GOP to gain control of the legislative branch of government while 44% do not. 12% are unsure.

More than three in ten members of the overall electorate -- 31% -- feel strongly that control of Congress should pass to the Republicans while 17% just think the GOP should win control. On the other hand, 23% of registered voters feel strongly that Republicans should

not win control of the House and Senate while the same proportion -- 23% -- just don't want them to gain a majority. 6% are unsure.

Republicans express more political passion here. Two-thirds of registered Republican voters -- 67% -- feel strongly about the GOP winning control while 37% of Democrats feel strongly that Republicans should *not* win control. Looking at independent voters, 24% are adamant that the Republicans take the reins while 28% are strongly against the idea.

Republican or Democrat? Voters Divide Over Congressional Elections

Neither Democratic candidates nor Republican candidates have the edge in voters' minds. When asked which party's candidate they are more likely to support in November's midterm elections, 47% report they would back the Republican while 45% say they would back the Democrat. 3% say they would vote for neither the Democrat nor the Republican, and 5% are unsure.

However, 61% of voters who are very enthusiastic about voting this November say they are more likely to vote for the Republican candidate while 34% of those who express a high level of excitement are more likely to vote for the Democratic candidate.

There's little surprise that 92% of Republican voters say they plan to support the Republican candidate, and 90% of Democratic voters report they will vote for the Democratic candidate. When it comes to independent voters, a plurality -- 46% -- think they will back the Republican candidate while 38% believe they will support the Democratic candidate.

Anti-Incumbent Sentiment?

There has been a bump in the proportion of registered voters who say they will vote for their incumbent this November. 48% report they will cast their ballot for their current elected official compared with 43% who say they will vote for someone else. 9% are unsure.

When Marist last asked this question in its July survey, voters divided. 43% thought they would vote for someone else while 42% said they would support their incumbent. 15%, at that time, were unsure.

While there is a partisan divide on this question, the proportion of Republican voters who say they will vote for their current elected official has increased. 44% say they will cast their ballot for the incumbent while 49% report they will vote for someone else. 7% are unsure. When Marist last asked this question, 34% of Republicans wanted their incumbent, and a majority -- 52% -- wanted to seat a fresh face. 14% were unsure.

The proportion of independent voters who want to maintain the status quo has also increased. 43% support their incumbent while 47% want to elect someone new. 9% are unsure. In Marist's July survey, 36% backed their current elected official while 49% wanted a change. 14% were unsure.

Little has changed among Democratic voters. 57% want to keep their incumbent in office while 32% want someone else. 10% are unsure. In July, 55% backed their current official, 29% wanted to bring someone new into office, and 16% were unsure.

Tea Party Revolution? About a Third of Voters Support the Movement

Talk of the Tea Party dominates news headlines. But, does the average voter support the movement? Although a majority of voters nationally -- 55% -- do not support the Tea Party movement, a notable 34% do. This includes 11% who strongly support the movement and 23% who just support it.

How much support does the Tea Party have among the GOP? A majority of Republicans -- 56% -- share allegiance. Included here are 22% who strongly support it and 34% who support it. About one-third -- 33% -- do not support the Tea Party. Looking at Democratic voters, 76% do not back the movement. Independent voters who back the Tea Party are also in the minority. 34% of independent voters support the Tea Party with 10% strongly supporting it and 24% supporting it. A majority of independent voters -- 55% -- do not support it.

Chart a New Course, Say Residents

A majority of Americans -- 56% -- think the nation is headed in the wrong direction while 41% believe it is on the right track. 3% are unsure. There has been little change in the proportion of Americans who say the nation's compass is broken. When Marist last asked this question in July, 56% reported the country was moving along the wrong course compared with 37% who agreed with the trajectory of the nation. 7% were unsure.

Obama Approval Rating at 45%... Economic Views a Factor

For the first time since taking office, half of registered voters nationwide -- 50% -- disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance. That's according to this McClatchy-Marist Poll. 45%, however, approve, and 5% are unsure.

While the proportion of voters who approve of the job the president is doing changed little since Marist last asked about it in June, there has been a slight increase in the proportion of voters who disapprove of the job Mr. Obama is doing. At that time, voters divided. 45% disapproved of Mr. Obama's job performance while 44% approved. 11% were unsure.

"Although President Obama's approval rating is largely unchanged, the number of those who disapprove of his job performance has grown since our last poll," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "This is also reflected in whether he has met voter expectations. Younger voters are especially disappointed when it comes to their hopes for the president."

Views of the president's job performance are partisan. Looking first at Democratic voters, 81% approve of the job the president is doing while 15% disapprove. 4% are unsure. In Marist's June survey, 75% of Democrats approved, 14% disapproved, and 11% were unsure.

Not surprisingly, most Republican voters disapprove of Mr. Obama's job performance. 82% have this view compared with 13% who approve. 6% are unsure. Three months ago, 78% of the national GOP said they did not like the way the president was performing in office, 14% approved, and 8% were unsure.

A majority of independent voters -- 54% -- now disapprove of President Obama's job performance. This compares with 40% who approve and 6% who are unsure. When Marist last asked voters nationally about the president's job approval rating, 49% of independents disapproved, 37% approved, and 15% were unsure.

It's no surprise that voters' views toward the future of the economy are related to the president's job performance. 68% of voters who believe the worst is yet to come with regard to the U.S. economy disapprove of Mr. Obama's job performance while 67% who say the worst is behind us approve.

Majority View Obama as Falling Below Expectations

President Obama is facing another unpleasant first. For the first time since becoming president, a majority of voters -- 54% -- report the president has fallen below their expectations. This is compared with 44% who say Mr. Obama has either met or exceeded their expectations. 2% are unsure.

According to Marist's June poll, half of registered voters reported the president fell short while 44% thought he met or exceeded their expectations. 6% were unsure.

Among voters who have a more pessimistic view about the U.S. economy, 62% think the president has fallen short while a majority of those who are more optimistic -- 53% -- say he has either met or exceeded their expectations.

And, President Obama may have campaigned on the platform of change, but the change he is affecting is perceived by a plurality of voters nationwide -- 41% -- as change for the worse. 37%, though, believe Mr. Obama is changing the nation for the better while 21% think there has been no change at all. Just 1% are unsure.

In Marist's June survey, voters divided. 38% thought the president was changing the United States for the better, and 38% reported he was changing the nation for the worse. 21% thought he did not create any change. 3% were unsure.

Once again, the economy comes into play. 58% of those who think the nation's economy will get worse report the president has changed the nation for the worse while 59% who say the worst of the nation's economic problems are behind us believe he has changed the country for the better.

President's Favorability Below 50%... Increase in Those with Unfavorable View

To compound matters for the president, there has been an increase in those who have an unfavorable view of him. 49% of voters have a favorable impression of Mr. Obama compared with 48% who have an unfavorable one. 3% are unsure. In Marist's June survey, half of the electorate perceived the president positively while 43% held him in lower esteem. 7% were unsure.

Rave Reviews for Michelle Obama

65% of the national electorate have a favorable view of First Lady Michelle Obama while nearly one-fourth -- 24% -- have an unfavorable impression of her. 11% are unsure.

When Marist asked this question last December, 68% thought well of Mrs. Obama while 20% said they were not fans. 12%, at the time, were unsure. Most Democratic voters -- 84% -- and nearly two-thirds of independent voters -- 66% -- view Mrs. Obama in a positive light. 46% of Republicans think well of Michelle Obama.

Just Call Him, “*Unfavorable Joe*”

Looking at Vice President Joe Biden’s favorability rating, a plurality of voters -- 46% -- have an unfavorable impression of Mr. Biden while 39% view him in a positive light. 15% are unsure.

Not surprisingly, there is a partisan divide on this question. 67% of Democrats view Biden *favorably* while 69% of Republicans have an *unfavorable* impression of him. However, even 19% of Democrats have a negative opinion of Biden. A majority of independent voters -- 52% -- have an unfavorable view of the vice president.

Romney Rooted On by One-Fourth in Primary Matchup

The list of potential Republicans to challenge President Obama in 2012 is long, but there is little agreement among the national GOP and independent voters who are leaning Republican about who that candidate should be.

If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, one-quarter of registered Republican voters and independent voters who are leaning Republican -- 25% -- say they would vote for former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin receives the support of 18% while former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich is buoyed by 16%. An additional 16% of Republican voters including Republican leaning independents report they would back former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, and 6% would cast their ballot for Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels receives 4%, and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour garners just 2% nationwide. 13% are unsure.

Nature of the Sample: 1,005 U.S. Residents

This survey of 1,005 United States residents was conducted on September 14th through September 16th. Residents 18 years of age and older 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 land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 815 registered voters and 369 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points and ± 5.0 percentage points, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

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National Survey Tables

		Registered Voters			
		Thinking about this November's elections, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting in the elections in November?			
		Very enthusiastic	Somewhat enthusiastic	Not too enthusiastic	Not enthusiastic at all
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		33%	40%	19%	8%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		40%	42%	14%	4%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Enthusiastic	0%	100%	0%	0%
	Not enthusiastic	0%	0%	70%	30%
Party ID	Democrat	30%	49%	15%	6%
	Republican	46%	34%	16%	4%
	Independent	23%	39%	25%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		50%	35%	10%	5%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	31%	50%	11%	8%
	Democrat women	28%	48%	19%	5%
	Republican men	48%	33%	17%	3%
	Republican women	44%	35%	16%	5%
	Independent men	24%	38%	26%	12%
	Independent women	21%	39%	23%	16%
Ideology	Liberal	32%	46%	19%	3%
	Moderate	19%	48%	24%	9%
	Conservative	43%	34%	15%	8%
Region	Northeast	26%	39%	25%	11%
	Midwest	35%	44%	14%	7%
	South	37%	36%	19%	8%
	West	30%	45%	17%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	39%	19%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	44%	19%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	42%	20%	9%
	College graduate	39%	37%	17%	7%
Age	18 to 29	16%	48%	29%	6%
	30 to 44	26%	47%	15%	12%
	45 to 59	34%	38%	20%	7%
	60 or older	43%	34%	15%	7%
Gender	Men	35%	39%	18%	8%
	Women	31%	42%	19%	9%
Family Finances	Get better	35%	41%	18%	6%
	Get worse	39%	32%	16%	13%
	Stay about the same	30%	43%	20%	8%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	35%	36%	19%	10%
	The worst is behind us	30%	46%	19%	4%

September 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=815 MOE +/- 3.5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		Do you want the Republicans to win control of Congress in November or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	46%	6%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		50%	44%	6%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	62%	35%	3%
	Enthusiastic	44%	48%	8%
	Not enthusiastic	38%	53%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	9%	87%	5%
	Republican	92%	6%	2%
	Independent	43%	44%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		80%	18%	3%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	12%	84%	5%
	Democrat women	7%	89%	4%
	Republican men	92%	7%	0%
	Republican women	92%	4%	3%
	Independent men	48%	40%	11%
	Independent women	38%	49%	13%
Ideology	Liberal	17%	75%	9%
	Moderate	35%	58%	7%
	Conservative	73%	23%	4%
Region	Northeast	43%	48%	9%
	Midwest	49%	43%	8%
	South	51%	44%	5%
	West	47%	49%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	50%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	44%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	47%	45%	8%
	College graduate	50%	46%	4%
Age	18 to 29	32%	65%	3%
	30 to 44	47%	45%	8%
	45 to 59	51%	43%	6%
	60 or older	52%	42%	6%
Gender	Men	53%	41%	5%
	Women	43%	50%	7%
Family Finances	Get better	37%	57%	6%
	Get worse	63%	31%	7%
	Stay about the same	48%	46%	6%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	62%	32%	7%
	The worst is behind us	32%	63%	5%

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		Registered Voters				
		Do you want the Republicans to win control of Congress in November or not?				
		Feel strongly about Republicans winning control of Congress	Just want Republicans to win control of Congress	Just don't want Republicans to win control of Congress	Feel strongly about Republicans not winning control of Congress	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		31%	17%	23%	23%	6%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		35%	15%	24%	20%	6%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	54%	8%	21%	14%	3%
	Enthusiastic	24%	20%	27%	21%	8%
	Not enthusiastic	13%	25%	19%	34%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	2%	6%	50%	37%	5%
	Republican	67%	25%	2%	4%	2%
	Independent	24%	19%	17%	28%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		63%	17%	6%	11%	3%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	2%	9%	48%	35%	5%
	Democrat women	2%	4%	51%	38%	4%
	Republican men	65%	27%	4%	4%	0%
	Republican women	70%	23%	1%	4%	3%
	Independent men	29%	19%	11%	29%	11%
	Independent women	18%	20%	22%	26%	13%
Ideology	Liberal	6%	11%	48%	27%	9%
	Moderate	16%	19%	27%	31%	7%
	Conservative	53%	20%	10%	13%	4%
Region	Northeast	27%	16%	25%	23%	9%
	Midwest	32%	17%	20%	22%	8%
	South	36%	15%	22%	22%	5%
	West	23%	23%	27%	22%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	26%	19%	22%	28%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	16%	26%	18%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	17%	21%	24%	8%
	College graduate	32%	18%	26%	20%	4%
Age	18 to 29	15%	17%	22%	43%	3%
	30 to 44	26%	21%	24%	21%	8%
	45 to 59	33%	18%	23%	20%	6%
	60 or older	38%	14%	24%	18%	6%
Gender	Men	34%	19%	20%	21%	5%
	Women	28%	15%	27%	23%	7%
Family Finances	Get better	18%	19%	28%	28%	6%
	Get worse	44%	19%	12%	19%	7%
	Stay about the same	32%	16%	25%	21%	6%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	43%	19%	14%	18%	7%
	The worst is behind us	16%	16%	35%	29%	5%

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		Registered 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	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		45%	47%	3%	5%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		44%	49%	3%	5%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	34%	61%	2%	4%
	Enthusiastic	52%	42%	3%	3%
	Not enthusiastic	46%	39%	6%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	90%	5%	1%	4%
	Republican	5%	92%	1%	2%
	Independent	38%	46%	7%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	76%	4%	3%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	93%	4%	2%	1%
	Democrat women	88%	6%	0%	6%
	Republican men	6%	90%	1%	3%
	Republican women	5%	94%	1%	1%
	Independent men	34%	51%	8%	7%
	Independent women	43%	41%	7%	10%
Ideology	Liberal	82%	13%	2%	3%
	Moderate	51%	37%	5%	6%
	Conservative	23%	71%	3%	3%
Region	Northeast	46%	44%	4%	6%
	Midwest	44%	48%	2%	6%
	South	45%	49%	3%	4%
	West	44%	47%	4%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	41%	4%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	52%	3%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	47%	3%	5%
	College graduate	44%	48%	4%	4%
Age	18 to 29	62%	31%	3%	3%
	30 to 44	42%	50%	4%	4%
	45 to 59	43%	49%	3%	5%
	60 or older	41%	49%	4%	6%
Gender	Men	42%	50%	4%	4%
	Women	47%	44%	3%	6%
Family Finances	Get better	57%	38%	1%	4%
	Get worse	28%	60%	7%	5%
	Stay about the same	45%	47%	3%	5%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	31%	60%	5%	5%
	The worst is behind us	63%	32%	1%	3%

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		Registered Voters		
		If November's election for congress were held today, would you support your current congress person who represents your district in Washington D.C. or would you vote for someone else?		
		Support current congress person	Vote for someone else	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	43%	9%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		49%	43%	7%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	47%	44%	9%
	Enthusiastic	52%	41%	7%
	Not enthusiastic	44%	45%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	57%	32%	10%
	Republican	44%	49%	7%
	Independent	43%	47%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		39%	52%	9%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	53%	38%	9%
	Democrat women	61%	27%	12%
	Republican men	48%	50%	3%
	Republican women	39%	48%	13%
	Independent men	37%	55%	8%
	Independent women	50%	39%	11%
Ideology	Liberal	65%	29%	6%
	Moderate	46%	44%	10%
	Conservative	42%	49%	9%
Region	Northeast	44%	48%	8%
	Midwest	48%	44%	9%
	South	51%	38%	12%
	West	48%	46%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%	43%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	43%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	45%	11%
	College graduate	54%	40%	6%
Age	18 to 29	46%	48%	6%
	30 to 44	47%	45%	8%
	45 to 59	50%	41%	9%
	60 or older	49%	40%	10%
Gender	Men	46%	48%	7%
	Women	50%	38%	12%
Family Finances	Get better	52%	40%	8%
	Get worse	39%	49%	11%
	Stay about the same	49%	42%	9%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	39%	51%	10%
	The worst is behind us	60%	32%	8%

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		Registered Voters			
		Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?			
		Strongly support Tea Party	Support Tea Party	Does not support Tea Party	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		11%	23%	55%	11%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		13%	25%	53%	8%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	26%	27%	41%	6%
	Enthusiastic	5%	25%	59%	11%
	Not enthusiastic	3%	16%	65%	16%
Party ID	Democrat	2%	13%	76%	10%
	Republican	22%	34%	33%	11%
	Independent	10%	24%	55%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		32%	68%	0%	0%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	1%	16%	72%	11%
	Democrat women	2%	10%	79%	8%
	Republican men	26%	34%	33%	7%
	Republican women	17%	33%	34%	16%
	Independent men	13%	24%	52%	11%
	Independent women	8%	23%	58%	11%
Ideology	Liberal	0%	13%	77%	10%
	Moderate	2%	18%	69%	11%
	Conservative	23%	33%	35%	10%
Region	Northeast	9%	23%	58%	10%
	Midwest	9%	25%	53%	13%
	South	13%	22%	54%	10%
	West	12%	24%	52%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	9%	24%	53%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	13%	22%	59%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	9%	27%	50%	15%
	College graduate	15%	19%	60%	6%
Age	18 to 29	4%	31%	59%	5%
	30 to 44	6%	22%	61%	10%
	45 to 59	13%	24%	51%	13%
	60 or older	16%	20%	52%	12%
Gender	Men	14%	25%	51%	10%
	Women	9%	21%	58%	12%
Family Finances	Get better	5%	24%	60%	11%
	Get worse	20%	31%	37%	12%
	Stay about the same	11%	20%	59%	10%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	18%	28%	44%	10%
	The worst is behind us	3%	19%	68%	11%

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		USA Residents		
		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 %
USA Residents		41%	56%	3%
Registered Voters		41%	56%	2%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		40%	58%	2%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	34%	65%	1%
	Enthusiastic	51%	48%	1%
	Not enthusiastic	35%	61%	4%
Party ID	Democrat	70%	26%	3%
	Republican	15%	84%	1%
	Independent	38%	60%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	81%	0%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	68%	31%	1%
	Democrat women	72%	23%	5%
	Republican men	23%	77%	0%
	Republican women	6%	92%	2%
	Independent men	33%	66%	1%
	Independent women	43%	54%	3%
Ideology	Liberal	78%	20%	2%
	Moderate	49%	49%	1%
	Conservative	20%	78%	2%
Region	Northeast	45%	53%	2%
	Midwest	36%	62%	2%
	South	40%	56%	4%
	West	47%	51%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	52%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	58%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	55%	3%
	College graduate	41%	56%	2%
Age	18 to 29	52%	47%	1%
	30 to 44	47%	49%	4%
	45 to 59	38%	61%	1%
	60 or older	34%	61%	4%
Gender	Men	39%	59%	2%
	Women	44%	53%	3%
Family Finances	Get better	62%	36%	2%
	Get worse	13%	84%	3%
	Stay about the same	40%	57%	3%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	18%	79%	2%
	The worst is behind us	70%	28%	2%

September 2010 Marist Poll National Residents "N=1,005 MOE +/- 3%" 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 %
Registered Voters		45%	50%	5%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		43%	52%	4%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	35%	60%	5%
	Enthusiastic	53%	43%	4%
	Not enthusiastic	42%	49%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	81%	15%	4%
	Republican	13%	82%	6%
	Independent	40%	54%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		18%	80%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	78%	15%	6%
	Democrat women	83%	15%	2%
	Republican men	19%	75%	7%
	Republican women	6%	89%	5%
	Independent men	34%	63%	4%
	Independent women	47%	44%	9%
Ideology	Liberal	82%	13%	4%
	Moderate	53%	43%	4%
	Conservative	22%	72%	7%
Region	Northeast	49%	47%	4%
	Midwest	41%	53%	6%
	South	42%	52%	6%
	West	49%	46%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	44%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	53%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	48%	6%
	College graduate	42%	53%	5%
Age	18 to 29	66%	32%	2%
	30 to 44	50%	47%	3%
	45 to 59	42%	51%	7%
	60 or older	36%	57%	7%
Gender	Men	41%	53%	5%
	Women	48%	47%	5%
Family Finances	Get better	70%	25%	5%
	Get worse	21%	72%	7%
	Stay about the same	41%	54%	5%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	27%	68%	6%
	The worst is behind us	67%	28%	5%

September 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=815 MOE +/- 3.5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters			
		Overall, has Barack Obama met your expectations, exceeded your expectations, or fallen below your expectations as president?			
		Met your expectations	Exceeded your expectations	Fallen below your expectations	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		37%	7%	54%	2%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		36%	8%	53%	2%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	32%	11%	56%	1%
	Enthusiastic	40%	6%	52%	3%
	Not enthusiastic	36%	5%	57%	2%
Party ID	Democrat	52%	12%	34%	1%
	Republican	20%	3%	74%	3%
	Independent	36%	6%	56%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		23%	6%	69%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	49%	7%	44%	1%
	Democrat women	55%	16%	27%	2%
	Republican men	25%	3%	68%	4%
	Republican women	15%	3%	80%	2%
	Independent men	30%	4%	63%	3%
Ideology	Liberal	59%	11%	28%	2%
	Moderate	42%	5%	51%	2%
	Conservative	22%	7%	69%	2%
Region	Northeast	44%	5%	49%	2%
	Midwest	26%	9%	64%	1%
	South	40%	7%	51%	2%
	West	34%	7%	55%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	9%	52%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	6%	57%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	35%	7%	55%	3%
	College graduate	37%	7%	54%	2%
Age	18 to 29	33%	9%	59%	0%
	30 to 44	41%	11%	46%	1%
	45 to 59	40%	7%	50%	3%
	60 or older	30%	4%	62%	3%
Gender	Men	34%	5%	58%	3%
	Women	38%	9%	50%	2%
Family Finances	Get better	47%	13%	37%	3%
	Get worse	27%	5%	66%	2%
	Stay about the same	34%	5%	59%	2%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	31%	5%	62%	2%
	The worst is behind us	43%	10%	45%	2%

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		Registered Voters			
		Overall, would you describe the direction in which President Barack Obama is moving the country as:			
		Change for the better	Change for the worse	No change at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		37%	41%	21%	1%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		38%	45%	17%	1%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	34%	58%	8%	0%
	Enthusiastic	43%	34%	23%	1%
	Not enthusiastic	32%	31%	35%	2%
Party ID	Democrat	74%	10%	15%	1%
	Republican	10%	73%	15%	2%
	Independent	27%	40%	32%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	73%	11%	1%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	73%	11%	17%	0%
	Democrat women	75%	10%	14%	1%
	Republican men	16%	67%	15%	3%
	Republican women	3%	80%	16%	0%
	Independent men	19%	43%	38%	0%
	Independent women	36%	37%	27%	1%
Ideology	Liberal	77%	6%	17%	0%
	Moderate	40%	29%	30%	1%
	Conservative	18%	65%	16%	1%
Region	Northeast	36%	31%	32%	1%
	Midwest	33%	44%	23%	0%
	South	37%	44%	18%	1%
	West	45%	40%	14%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	33%	23%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	45%	20%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	38%	23%	1%
	College graduate	37%	45%	18%	0%
Age	18 to 29	54%	19%	25%	2%
	30 to 44	38%	38%	24%	0%
	45 to 59	36%	42%	21%	1%
	60 or older	32%	50%	17%	1%
Gender	Men	34%	42%	23%	1%
	Women	41%	39%	19%	1%
Family Finances	Get better	58%	22%	20%	1%
	Get worse	16%	68%	16%	0%
	Stay about the same	36%	39%	24%	1%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	21%	58%	21%	1%
	The worst is behind us	59%	19%	22%	1%

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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 %
Registered Voters		49%	48%	3%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		48%	50%	2%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	41%	58%	1%
	Enthusiastic	59%	39%	2%
	Not enthusiastic	45%	49%	6%
Party ID	Democrat	83%	14%	3%
	Republican	19%	79%	1%
	Independent	46%	51%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		22%	77%	1%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	83%	15%	2%
	Democrat women	84%	13%	3%
	Republican men	28%	72%	0%
	Republican women	10%	88%	2%
	Independent men	38%	58%	4%
	Independent women	54%	43%	4%
Ideology	Liberal	88%	10%	2%
	Moderate	58%	39%	2%
	Conservative	26%	72%	2%
Region	Northeast	52%	44%	4%
	Midwest	49%	49%	2%
	South	46%	52%	2%
	West	54%	43%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	52%	45%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	49%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	48%	4%
	College graduate	50%	48%	1%
Age	18 to 29	68%	32%	0%
	30 to 44	52%	47%	1%
	45 to 59	48%	48%	3%
	60 or older	42%	54%	4%
Gender	Men	48%	50%	2%
	Women	51%	46%	3%
Family Finances	Get better	71%	27%	2%
	Get worse	28%	70%	2%
	Stay about the same	47%	49%	3%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	34%	64%	2%
	The worst is behind us	70%	28%	2%

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		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Michelle Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		65%	24%	11%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		64%	26%	10%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	53%	36%	11%
	Enthusiastic	76%	13%	10%
	Not enthusiastic	61%	27%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	84%	8%	7%
	Republican	46%	42%	13%
	Independent	66%	23%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		46%	44%	10%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	80%	11%	9%
	Democrat women	87%	7%	6%
	Republican men	51%	34%	14%
	Republican women	40%	49%	11%
	Independent men	59%	27%	13%
	Independent women	72%	18%	9%
Ideology	Liberal	88%	8%	4%
	Moderate	76%	17%	7%
	Conservative	47%	37%	16%
Region	Northeast	74%	21%	5%
	Midwest	64%	23%	12%
	South	63%	27%	10%
	West	61%	23%	17%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	67%	22%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	67%	25%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	64%	24%	11%
	College graduate	66%	24%	10%
Age	18 to 29	71%	18%	11%
	30 to 44	67%	25%	9%
	45 to 59	65%	25%	10%
	60 or older	62%	25%	13%
Gender	Men	63%	25%	13%
	Women	67%	24%	9%
Family Finances	Get better	78%	15%	7%
	Get worse	43%	40%	17%
	Stay about the same	67%	23%	10%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	50%	38%	11%
	The worst is behind us	83%	8%	8%

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		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Joe Biden?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		39%	46%	15%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		40%	47%	13%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	34%	55%	11%
	Enthusiastic	47%	38%	15%
	Not enthusiastic	31%	49%	20%
Party ID	Democrat	67%	19%	14%
	Republican	14%	69%	17%
	Independent	34%	52%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	71%	9%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	65%	18%	16%
	Democrat women	68%	20%	12%
	Republican men	20%	66%	14%
	Republican women	8%	72%	20%
	Independent men	29%	60%	11%
	Independent women	40%	43%	17%
Ideology	Liberal	68%	20%	12%
	Moderate	47%	38%	15%
	Conservative	20%	65%	15%
Region	Northeast	42%	42%	16%
	Midwest	35%	49%	16%
	South	37%	48%	14%
	West	41%	44%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	41%	18%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	50%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	47%	16%
	College graduate	40%	46%	14%
Age	18 to 29	41%	49%	11%
	30 to 44	48%	42%	11%
	45 to 59	37%	50%	13%
	60 or older	34%	46%	20%
Gender	Men	37%	50%	13%
	Women	40%	43%	17%
Family Finances	Get better	50%	33%	17%
	Get worse	19%	68%	12%
	Stay about the same	41%	45%	15%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	24%	59%	17%
	The worst is behind us	58%	31%	11%

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		Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents							
		If the 2012 Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:							
		Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour	Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels	Former Georgia Congressman Newt Gingrich	Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee	Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty	Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents		2%	4%	16%	16%	18%	6%	25%	13%
Definitely Plan to Vote in November		3%	3%	17%	14%	17%	6%	28%	12%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	3%	3%	22%	10%	15%	8%	29%	10%
	Enthusiastic	2%	2%	10%	21%	20%	5%	23%	17%
	Not enthusiastic	1%	11%	11%	20%	20%	4%	21%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		4%	1%	18%	16%	19%	6%	25%	9%
Party ID by Gender	Republican men	3%	8%	14%	18%	19%	8%	20%	10%
	Republican women	1%	1%	15%	13%	18%	3%	27%	23%
	Independent men	5%	0%	23%	14%	19%	8%	27%	5%
	Independent women	0%	9%	8%	22%	11%	7%	33%	10%
Ideology	Liberal	0%	10%	0%	15%	34%	6%	11%	24%
	Moderate	0%	8%	7%	17%	15%	8%	32%	13%
	Conservative	3%	3%	19%	15%	18%	6%	24%	13%
Region	Northeast	1%	3%	15%	12%	25%	2%	32%	8%
	Midwest	2%	12%	10%	15%	14%	10%	25%	12%
	South	4%	2%	19%	19%	21%	3%	15%	16%
	West	0%	0%	14%	14%	10%	11%	39%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	0%	5%	14%	17%	24%	4%	22%	14%
	\$50,000 or more	3%	3%	16%	17%	14%	8%	29%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	2%	5%	11%	16%	24%	4%	22%	17%
	College graduate	3%	4%	21%	15%	11%	9%	29%	9%
Age	18 to 29	4%	7%	5%	18%	24%	7%	18%	17%
	30 to 44	4%	3%	8%	14%	19%	6%	36%	10%
	45 to 59	1%	5%	14%	20%	20%	8%	20%	13%
	60 or older	2%	3%	25%	14%	14%	4%	25%	14%
Gender	Men	4%	5%	17%	16%	19%	8%	22%	8%
	Women	1%	3%	13%	15%	16%	4%	28%	19%
Family Finances	Get better	2%	4%	11%	12%	34%	7%	19%	11%
	Get worse	3%	5%	18%	13%	19%	5%	24%	14%
	Stay about the same	2%	4%	16%	18%	12%	7%	28%	13%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	2%	3%	18%	14%	19%	5%	25%	14%
	The worst is behind us	3%	5%	10%	19%	17%	10%	26%	9%

September 2010 Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents "N=369 MOE +/- 5%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.