



Nation's Direction Takes Sharp Turn for the Worse
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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Americans' views toward the future of the country have become increasingly negative. According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, seven in ten U.S. residents -- 70% -- believe the nation is moving in the wrong direction while only 21% say it is traveling along the right one. One in ten -- 10% -- is unsure.

There has been a major change on this question since McClatchy-Marist last reported it in June. At that time, 59% thought the country was on the wrong track while 32% said it was on the right one. Nine percent, at that time, were unsure.

The current proportion of Americans who report the nation needs its course corrected is the largest since President Barack Obama took office in January of 2009 and the worst in more than a decade.

"It's getting harder and harder for Washington to have a tin ear to Americans who are clamoring about the direction of the nation," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Republicans are the most negative in their views. But, Democrats and independents have increasingly soured to the direction of the country."

Looking at **registered voters**, the largest change has occurred among Democrats and independent voters.

- 72% of registered voters view the nation as going downhill while 21% perceive it as on the right track. Just 7% are unsure.
- 54% of Democrats now report the country is moving in the wrong direction. 37% said the same in June.
- Among independents, nearly eight in ten -- 78% -- believe the nation's trajectory is negative while 62% thought the same in McClatchy-Marist's previous survey.
- 88% of Republicans currently think the nation is on the wrong path, little changed from 87% in June.

Plurality Denounces Debt Deal

The debate over whether or not to raise the nation's debt ceiling has dominated political debate for most of the summer. How do Americans assess the agreement? A plurality of Americans -- 47% -- characterizes it as bad for the nation while 41% believe the deal, overall, is good for America. 12% are unsure.

Among registered voters:

- 47% report the agreement is bad for the country while 43% say it is a good thing. One in ten -- 10% -- is unsure.
- 63% of Republicans and 49% of independents think the debt deal is *bad* for the country.
- A majority of Democrats -- 56% -- believe it is *good* for the nation.

On the specifics of the debt ceiling deal, about two-thirds of Americans -- 66% -- think the agreement's approach is unbalanced. Almost one in five -- 19% -- believe the deal is balanced, and 14% are unsure.

Registered voters have similar views. 68% of registered voters say the agreement is out of balance while one in five -- 20% -- report it is balanced. 12% are unsure. Independent voters tip the scale on this question. 72% of independents say the debt deal is not balanced. This compares with 67% of Republicans and 64% of Democrats.

But, who do Americans believe will benefit from the deal, and who will carry the burden?

Key points:

- 65% of residents nationwide think the deal is unfair to the **elderly**. 26% say it is fair, and 9% are unsure.
- More than six in ten residents -- 62% -- think the deal is unfair to the **poor**. 28% disagree, and 10% are unsure.
- About six in ten adults -- 61% -- believe the agreement shortchanges the **middle class**. 29% believe the deal is fair, and 10% are unsure.
- However, a majority of U.S. adults -- 55% -- say the debt ceiling agreement is *fair* to **Americans with high incomes**. 34% call it unfair, and 11% are unsure.
- A majority also believes the agreement is fair to **Corporate America**. 54% of residents have this view. 31% think the opposite is true, and 15% are unsure.

Debt Deal Fallout

More than three in four adults nationally -- 77% -- say the debt ceiling debate has made them less confident in government in Washington. 79% of registered voters agree. Just 15% of U.S. residents say the political wrangling has given them increased confidence in the federal government, and 9% are unsure.

Despite the debt ceiling debate, President Obama's job performance has changed little. 44% of registered voters approve of the job he is doing while 46% disapprove. One in ten -- 10% -- is unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's June survey, 45% approved of how the president was performing in office while 47% disapproved. Eight percent, at the time, were unsure.

The job approval rating of Republicans in Congress still lags behind that of the president, but it has changed little over the past few weeks. More than six in ten registered voters -- 62% -- still *disapprove* of their job performance while only 27% approve. 11% are unsure. In June, those proportions stood at 63%, 27%, and 10%, respectively.

Even 44% of Republican voters disapprove of how members of their own party are doing in Congress.

Looking at the Democrats in Congress, a majority -- 55% -- of registered voters *disapprove* of the job they are doing. 35% approve, and 11% are unsure. In June, 60% gave the Democrats in Congress poor marks while 30% rated them well. 10% were unsure.

Is President Obama too liberal, too conservative, or about right? 48% believe President Obama is ideologically positioned about right. More independent voters think the president's ideology is on track than believe the same about the Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

Key points:

- 48% of registered voters say President Obama is neither too liberal nor too conservative. 36% perceive the president as too liberal while 7% think he is too conservative. Eight percent are unsure.
 - Not surprisingly, 71% of Democrats perceive the president's ideology to be about right while 71% of Republicans think he is too liberal. 46% of **independents** believe Mr. Obama's ideology is on target.
- When it comes to **Republicans in Congress**, 41% of registered voters say they are too conservative while 31% think they are about right. 17% call them too liberal. 11% are unsure.
 - Only 29% of **independent voters** say the Republicans in Congress are on track. 40% believe they are too conservative.
- 42% of voters believe **Democrats in Congress** are too liberal. 36% say their ideology is on the mark while 12% report they are too conservative. One in ten -- 10% -- is unsure.
 - Among **independent voters**, 35% describe the ideology of Democrats in Congress as about right. 40% believe they are too liberal.

Is the president still perceived as likeable? 52% of registered voters view President Obama favorably. 41% have a less than stellar impression of him, and 8% are unsure.

Little has changed on this question since McClatchy-Marist last reported it in June. At that time, half -- 50% -- thought well of the president, 44% had a lesser impression of Mr. Obama, and 6% were unsure.

And, what about the Tea Party? 31% of Americans say it played a major role in shaping the debt deal, about one-third -- 33% -- think the movement played a minor role, and 19% believe it played no role at all. 17% are unsure.

Nearly three in ten registered voters -- 29% -- still identify with the Tea Party compared with 25% who did so in June.

Among registered voters who support the Tea Party, 34% think the movement played a major role in shaping the deal. 46% believe it had a minor role, and 15% say it played no part at all. Six percent are unsure.

When it comes to electoral politics, the message registered voters are sending to candidates who plan to run for Congress next year depends on their political allegiance. Among registered voters overall, 41% say they are less likely to cast their ballot for a candidate who supported the debt ceiling deal while 36% report they are more likely to vote for such a candidate. 11% state that support for the debt ceiling agreement makes no difference to their vote, and 12% are unsure.

Key points:

- By **party**, a majority of Republican voters -- 53% -- report that a candidate's **backing of the agreement** makes them less likely to support that candidate for Congress next year. 24% report it makes them more likely to do so. However, nearly half of Democrats -- 47% -- say support of the deal makes them more likely to back a candidate for Congress while 30% state it makes them less likely to cast their ballot for that candidate next year.
- Only 27% of those who support the **Tea Party** movement say a candidate's support for the debt agreement makes them more likely to back that candidate. 61% report it makes them less likely while 6% say it makes no difference to their vote. Six percent are unsure.

Round Two

When the budget talks resume, Americans expect a replay in the lack of cooperation between President Barack Obama and Congress. Seven in ten American adults -- 70% -- believe it will be about the same during the next round of deficit talks. 16% believe they will be less cooperative while 14% think they will be more cooperative.

Which actions do Americans support to pay down the debt? The direction of the debate in Washington is out of touch with what people want.

- Nearly seven in ten adults nationally -- 68% -- support **increasing taxes on income over \$250,000**. 29% oppose such an action, and 3% are unsure.
 - Similar proportions of registered voters share these views. 69% support raising income taxes on the wealthiest Americans, 28% oppose it, and 2% are unsure.
 - Even 51% of Republicans and 43% of Tea Party supporters favor these tax increases.
- 60% of U.S. residents support **eliminating oil subsidies for oil and gas companies** while 33% oppose such an action. Seven percent are unsure.
- Half of Americans -- 50% -- back **the reduction of defense spending** while 46% do not want to cut the current level of spending. Four percent are unsure.
 - The same proportions of registered voters -- 50%, 46%, and 4%, respectively -- have these views.
 - 60% of Democrats back the reduction of defense spending while 63% of Republicans oppose such a cut.
- Most U.S. residents -- 83% -- are against **cutting Medicare and Social Security**. 15% disagree, and 3% are unsure.
 - Among registered voters, the proportions are similar. 84% oppose reducing these benefits, 14% support such an action, and 2% are unsure.
 - Even eight in ten Republican voters -- 80% -- and 74% of Tea Party supporters are against reducing Medicare and Social Security.
- There is also opposition to **cutting Medicaid and entitlements**. More than seven in ten Americans -- 72% -- are against reducing this area to pay down the debt while only 23% favor it. Four percent are unsure.
 - There is little difference among registered voters nationally. 73% oppose slashing Medicaid and entitlements, 23% support it, and 4% are unsure.
 - Even majorities of Republican voters -- 58% -- and Tea Party supporters -- 53% -- oppose cutting Medicaid and entitlements.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,000 Adults

This survey of 1,000 adults was conducted on August 2nd through August 4th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States 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 807 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
Registered Voters		81%
Region	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%
	\$50,000 or more	49%
Race	White	67%
	African American	10%
	Latino	11%
	Other	11%
Race	White	67%
	Non-white	33%
Age	Under 45	41%
	45 or older	59%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	20%
	Gen X (31-46)	26%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	33%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	21%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Interview Type	Landline	72%
	Cell Phone	28%

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Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters		
		Registered Voters
		Col %
Registered Voters		100%
Party Identification	Democrat	37%
	Republican	25%
	Independent	37%
	Other	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	29%
Political Ideology	Liberal	20%
	Moderate	43%
	Conservative	37%
Region	Northeast	20%
	Midwest	21%
	South	38%
	West	21%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%
	\$50,000 or more	54%
Race	White	70%
	African American	11%
	Latino	8%
	Other	12%
Race	White	70%
	Non-white	30%
Age	Under 45	36%
	45 or older	64%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	15%
	Gen X (31-46)	26%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	36%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	23%
Gender	Men	47%
	Women	53%
Interview Type	Landline	76%
	Cell Phone	24%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Direction of the Country

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: 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?

		National Adults		
		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 %
National Adults		21%	70%	10%
Registered Voters		21%	72%	7%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	37%	54%	9%
	Republican	9%	88%	3%
	Independent	14%	78%	8%
Tea Party Supporters [^]		14%	85%	0%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	36%	58%	7%
	Moderate	23%	68%	9%
	Conservative	14%	82%	4%
Region	Northeast	26%	68%	6%
	Midwest	18%	73%	10%
	South	19%	69%	12%
	West	21%	69%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	24%	66%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	20%	72%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	19%	71%	10%
	College graduate	24%	69%	8%
Age	Under 45	17%	67%	16%
	45 or older	24%	71%	5%
Age	18 to 29	22%	54%	24%
	30 to 44	13%	77%	10%
	45 to 59	28%	68%	5%
	60 or older	20%	74%	6%
Race	White	18%	75%	7%
	Non-white	27%	57%	16%
Gender	Men	17%	73%	10%
	Women	24%	66%	10%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	41%	52%	7%
	Disapprove	4%	93%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	19%	74%	7%
	Cell Phone	25%	58%	17%

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Direction of the Country (Over Time)

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: 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?

	National Adults		
	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 %
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%
Marist Poll National Adults			

Is the Debt Ceiling Agreement Good or Bad for the Nation?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: From what you have read or heard about the agreement to raise the nation's debt ceiling, do you think overall it is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

		National Adults		
		From what you have read or heard about the agreement to raise the nations debt ceiling, do you think overall it is a good thing or a bad thing for the country?		
		Good thing	Bad thing	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		41%	47%	12%
Registered Voters		43%	47%	10%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	56%	34%	10%
	Republican	31%	63%	6%
	Independent	40%	49%	11%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		25%	70%	5%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	53%	37%	10%
	Moderate	50%	42%	8%
	Conservative	31%	61%	8%
Region	Northeast	42%	46%	12%
	Midwest	38%	52%	10%
	South	41%	47%	12%
	West	44%	43%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	48%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	46%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	50%	13%
	College graduate	48%	42%	10%
Age	Under 45	38%	50%	12%
	45 or older	44%	44%	12%
Age	18 to 29	38%	48%	14%
	30 to 44	38%	52%	10%
	45 to 59	46%	44%	11%
	60 or older	41%	45%	14%
Race	White	37%	53%	10%
	Non-white	50%	36%	14%
Gender	Men	39%	51%	10%
	Women	43%	43%	14%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	59%	33%	8%
	Disapprove	29%	62%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	48%	12%
	Cell Phone	44%	43%	13%

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Is the Debt Deal Balanced or Not Balanced?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Overall, do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is balanced in its approach or not balanced?

		National Adults		
		Overall, do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is balanced in its approach or not balanced?		
		Balanced	Not balanced	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		19%	66%	14%
Registered Voters		20%	68%	12%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	22%	64%	14%
	Republican	23%	67%	10%
	Independent	16%	72%	12%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		23%	71%	6%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	17%	71%	12%
	Moderate	19%	68%	13%
	Conservative	21%	68%	11%
Region	Northeast	22%	64%	14%
	Midwest	21%	61%	18%
	South	18%	72%	10%
	West	16%	65%	18%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	21%	63%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	19%	69%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	17%	67%	16%
	College graduate	23%	65%	11%
Age	Under 45	18%	66%	16%
	45 or older	20%	67%	14%
Age	18 to 29	22%	62%	17%
	30 to 44	16%	69%	15%
	45 to 59	21%	70%	9%
	60 or older	18%	63%	19%
Race	White	18%	66%	15%
	Non-white	21%	67%	12%
Gender	Men	22%	67%	11%
	Women	16%	66%	18%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	25%	62%	13%
	Disapprove	17%	73%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	18%	67%	15%
	Cell Phone	23%	64%	13%

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Is the Debt Deal Fair or Unfair to the Elderly?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: The elderly?

		National Adults		
		Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: The elderly?		
		Fair	Unfair	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		26%	65%	9%
Registered Voters		27%	65%	8%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	30%	64%	6%
	Republican	29%	62%	9%
	Independent	24%	70%	6%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		25%	70%	5%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	27%	67%	5%
	Moderate	30%	60%	10%
	Conservative	24%	70%	6%
Region	Northeast	27%	65%	8%
	Midwest	28%	63%	9%
	South	24%	69%	8%
	West	29%	61%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	23%	69%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	63%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	70%	9%
	College graduate	36%	57%	7%
Age	Under 45	27%	63%	9%
	45 or older	26%	66%	8%
Age	18 to 29	27%	64%	9%
	30 to 44	28%	63%	9%
	45 to 59	27%	64%	9%
	60 or older	25%	67%	8%
Race	White	26%	65%	9%
	Non-white	30%	64%	7%
Gender	Men	28%	65%	8%
	Women	25%	65%	10%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	28%	64%	8%
	Disapprove	25%	70%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	24%	68%	8%
	Cell Phone	32%	58%	10%

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Is the Debt Deal Fair or Unfair to the Poor?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: The poor?

		National Adults		
		Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: The poor?		
		Fair	Unfair	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		28%	62%	10%
Registered Voters		29%	63%	8%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	29%	64%	7%
	Republican	35%	53%	12%
	Independent	26%	69%	5%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		25%	69%	5%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	21%	74%	5%
	Moderate	35%	56%	9%
	Conservative	27%	66%	7%
Region	Northeast	27%	63%	10%
	Midwest	28%	61%	11%
	South	25%	66%	9%
	West	35%	55%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	23%	67%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	59%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	24%	65%	11%
	College graduate	35%	57%	7%
Age	Under 45	30%	59%	11%
	45 or older	27%	64%	9%
Age	18 to 29	30%	58%	12%
	30 to 44	30%	60%	10%
	45 to 59	30%	60%	10%
	60 or older	23%	68%	9%
Race	White	28%	62%	11%
	Non-white	31%	62%	7%
Gender	Men	31%	60%	9%
	Women	25%	64%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	28%	66%	6%
	Disapprove	29%	64%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	64%	9%
	Cell Phone	31%	56%	13%

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Is the Debt Deal Fair or Unfair to the Middle Class?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: The middle class?

		National Adults		
		Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: The middle class?		
		Fair	Unfair	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		29%	61%	10%
Registered Voters		30%	61%	9%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	35%	57%	9%
	Republican	27%	66%	7%
	Independent	29%	61%	9%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		22%	73%	5%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	24%	67%	9%
	Moderate	36%	53%	11%
	Conservative	26%	69%	5%
Region	Northeast	30%	61%	9%
	Midwest	29%	62%	10%
	South	30%	62%	8%
	West	30%	57%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	62%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	60%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	62%	11%
	College graduate	33%	60%	6%
Age	Under 45	30%	59%	11%
	45 or older	29%	62%	9%
Age	18 to 29	35%	53%	13%
	30 to 44	27%	63%	10%
	45 to 59	34%	57%	9%
	60 or older	24%	66%	9%
Race	White	28%	61%	10%
	Non-white	34%	58%	8%
Gender	Men	31%	61%	8%
	Women	28%	60%	12%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	36%	56%	8%
	Disapprove	25%	69%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	63%	10%
	Cell Phone	35%	55%	10%

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Is the Debt Deal Fair or Unfair to Americans with High Incomes?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: Americans with high incomes?

		National Adults		
		Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: Americans with high incomes?		
		Fair	Unfair	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		55%	34%	11%
Registered Voters		57%	33%	11%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	70%	23%	7%
	Republican	45%	43%	12%
	Independent	54%	35%	11%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		45%	49%	6%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	71%	20%	9%
	Moderate	60%	28%	12%
	Conservative	45%	48%	6%
Region	Northeast	66%	24%	10%
	Midwest	49%	37%	14%
	South	55%	36%	9%
	West	52%	34%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	32%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	59%	33%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	53%	35%	12%
	College graduate	60%	31%	10%
Age	Under 45	52%	35%	13%
	45 or older	58%	32%	10%
Age	18 to 29	47%	37%	16%
	30 to 44	55%	34%	11%
	45 to 59	62%	28%	10%
	60 or older	53%	37%	10%
Race	White	55%	33%	12%
	Non-white	56%	35%	9%
Gender	Men	53%	38%	9%
	Women	57%	29%	14%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	69%	23%	8%
	Disapprove	48%	44%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	34%	10%
	Cell Phone	54%	31%	15%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=1000 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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Is the Debt Deal Fair or Unfair to Corporate America?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: Corporate America?

		National Adults		
		Do you think the agreement to raise the debt ceiling is fair or unfair to each of the following: Corporate America?		
		Fair	Unfair	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		54%	31%	15%
Registered Voters		56%	31%	13%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	67%	22%	11%
	Republican	46%	40%	14%
	Independent	52%	35%	13%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		43%	46%	10%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	71%	18%	11%
	Moderate	59%	26%	15%
	Conservative	45%	45%	10%
Region	Northeast	62%	23%	14%
	Midwest	51%	33%	16%
	South	56%	32%	12%
	West	47%	36%	17%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	57%	28%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	60%	30%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	50%	35%	15%
	College graduate	65%	24%	11%
Age	Under 45	54%	31%	14%
	45 or older	54%	31%	15%
Age	18 to 29	47%	34%	18%
	30 to 44	60%	29%	11%
	45 to 59	58%	29%	13%
	60 or older	51%	33%	16%
Race	White	54%	32%	14%
	Non-white	56%	30%	14%
Gender	Men	54%	34%	12%
	Women	54%	29%	17%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	67%	23%	9%
	Disapprove	46%	42%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	53%	32%	14%
	Cell Phone	57%	29%	15%

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Debt Ceiling Agreement's Impact on Confidence in Government

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Did the debate over the debt ceiling give you more confidence in the government in Washington or less confidence?

		National Adults		
		Did the debate over the debt ceiling give you more confidence in the government in Washington or less confidence?		
		More confidence	Less confidence	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		15%	77%	9%
Registered Voters		14%	79%	7%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	21%	71%	8%
	Republican	9%	86%	5%
	Independent	12%	83%	5%
Tea Party Supporters [^]		15%	83%	2%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	12%	80%	7%
	Moderate	13%	80%	7%
	Conservative	18%	79%	3%
Region	Northeast	14%	78%	8%
	Midwest	15%	77%	9%
	South	16%	76%	8%
	West	14%	77%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	19%	72%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	12%	84%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	17%	73%	10%
	College graduate	9%	87%	4%
Age	Under 45	18%	72%	9%
	45 or older	12%	80%	8%
Age	18 to 29	27%	59%	14%
	30 to 44	12%	83%	6%
	45 to 59	13%	79%	8%
	60 or older	12%	81%	7%
Race	White	10%	82%	8%
	Non-white	24%	66%	10%
Gender	Men	11%	81%	8%
	Women	18%	73%	9%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	21%	72%	7%
	Disapprove	9%	87%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	13%	79%	8%
	Cell Phone	19%	71%	10%

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[^]National Registered Voters: N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

President Obama Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		44%	46%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	74%	21%	5%
	Republican	11%	83%	6%
	Independent	38%	46%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	77%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	75%	16%	9%
	Moderate	49%	36%	15%
	Conservative	24%	73%	3%
Region	Northeast	48%	42%	11%
	Midwest	37%	53%	11%
	South	44%	47%	10%
	West	48%	43%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	42%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	48%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	48%	10%
	College graduate	49%	42%	9%
Age	Under 45	47%	36%	17%
	45 or older	42%	52%	6%
Age	18 to 29	52%	23%	25%
	30 to 44	45%	43%	12%
	45 to 59	45%	49%	7%
	60 or older	39%	55%	6%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	48%	26%	26%
	Gen X (31-46)	46%	44%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	44%	49%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	37%	56%	7%
Race	White	38%	53%	9%
	Non-white	59%	27%	14%
Gender	Men	38%	53%	9%
	Women	49%	40%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	50%	8%
	Cell Phone	51%	34%	16%

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President Obama Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
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%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

Congressional Republicans' Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		27%	62%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	21%	74%	6%
	Republican	46%	44%	10%
	Independent	20%	64%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		51%	42%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	9%	84%	7%
	Moderate	21%	66%	13%
	Conservative	45%	47%	7%
Region	Northeast	21%	69%	10%
	Midwest	25%	61%	14%
	South	32%	59%	9%
	West	24%	65%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	29%	59%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	22%	70%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	59%	12%
	College graduate	23%	69%	8%
Age	Under 45	30%	53%	17%
	45 or older	25%	68%	7%
Age	18 to 29	39%	36%	25%
	30 to 44	25%	62%	13%
	45 to 59	25%	70%	5%
	60 or older	25%	66%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	40%	35%	25%
	Gen X (31-46)	23%	66%	11%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	25%	69%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	27%	64%	9%
Race	White	28%	62%	10%
	Non-white	26%	63%	12%
Gender	Men	26%	65%	9%
	Women	28%	60%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	64%	9%
	Cell Phone	26%	56%	18%

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Congressional Republicans' Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

Congressional Democrats' Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		35%	55%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	64%	29%	7%
	Republican	7%	85%	9%
	Independent	25%	59%	15%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	77%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	59%	32%	9%
	Moderate	35%	50%	15%
	Conservative	23%	73%	4%
Region	Northeast	34%	57%	9%
	Midwest	32%	56%	12%
	South	37%	51%	12%
	West	33%	58%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	37%	51%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	57%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	35%	54%	11%
	College graduate	34%	57%	8%
Age	Under 45	40%	42%	19%
	45 or older	32%	62%	6%
Age	18 to 29	49%	23%	28%
	30 to 44	35%	52%	14%
	45 to 59	34%	61%	5%
	60 or older	30%	64%	6%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	45%	26%	29%
	Gen X (31-46)	37%	52%	11%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	32%	64%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	30%	63%	7%
Race	White	29%	61%	10%
	Non-white	50%	38%	12%
Gender	Men	30%	60%	9%
	Women	38%	50%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	33%	60%	8%
	Cell Phone	40%	40%	20%

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Congressional Democrats' Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2011	35%	55%	11%
June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

President Obama's Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think President Obama is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think President Obama is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		36%	7%	48%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	13%	11%	71%	5%
	Republican	71%	5%	18%	6%
	Independent	35%	6%	46%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		67%	4%	22%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	5%	18%	71%	5%
	Moderate	28%	6%	56%	10%
	Conservative	65%	3%	27%	5%
Region	Northeast	29%	12%	50%	10%
	Midwest	39%	7%	44%	10%
	South	40%	4%	50%	6%
	West	35%	9%	46%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	7%	53%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	9%	46%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	6%	47%	10%
	College graduate	33%	11%	51%	6%
Age	Under 45	27%	8%	57%	8%
	45 or older	42%	7%	43%	8%
Age	18 to 29	17%	11%	65%	7%
	30 to 44	33%	6%	52%	9%
	45 to 59	39%	8%	46%	8%
	60 or older	45%	7%	40%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	19%	11%	62%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	35%	5%	52%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	40%	7%	44%	8%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	43%	7%	40%	9%
Race	White	42%	9%	40%	9%
	Non-white	23%	3%	69%	6%
Gender	Men	44%	9%	39%	8%
	Women	30%	6%	55%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	7%	45%	8%
	Cell Phone	24%	10%	57%	9%

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Congressional Republicans' Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the Republicans in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think the Republicans in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		17%	41%	31%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	15%	61%	17%	7%
	Republican	21%	16%	56%	8%
	Independent	17%	40%	29%	15%
Tea Party Supporters		29%	13%	50%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	4%	75%	9%	13%
	Moderate	13%	51%	26%	10%
	Conservative	31%	14%	48%	7%
Region	Northeast	19%	40%	30%	11%
	Midwest	15%	44%	27%	14%
	South	17%	35%	37%	11%
	West	19%	48%	24%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	19%	37%	31%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	14%	48%	30%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	19%	34%	33%	14%
	College graduate	14%	53%	27%	6%
Age	Under 45	15%	41%	34%	10%
	45 or older	18%	41%	29%	11%
Age	18 to 29	15%	36%	37%	12%
	30 to 44	15%	43%	33%	9%
	45 to 59	19%	45%	27%	9%
	60 or older	18%	38%	30%	14%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	15%	33%	39%	12%
	Gen X (31-46)	16%	45%	31%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	17%	45%	27%	11%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	20%	36%	31%	13%
Race	White	18%	40%	32%	10%
	Non-white	14%	45%	28%	13%
Gender	Men	20%	38%	33%	9%
	Women	15%	43%	30%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	19%	40%	31%	10%
	Cell Phone	12%	43%	30%	15%

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Congressional Democrats' Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the Democrats in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think the Democrats in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		42%	12%	36%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	16%	19%	58%	7%
	Republican	81%	6%	7%	5%
	Independent	40%	10%	35%	15%
Tea Party Supporters		70%	5%	20%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	13%	23%	52%	12%
	Moderate	36%	14%	39%	11%
	Conservative	67%	5%	24%	4%
Region	Northeast	38%	15%	37%	10%
	Midwest	46%	7%	35%	11%
	South	40%	10%	41%	10%
	West	47%	18%	29%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	10%	41%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	14%	33%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	9%	37%	12%
	College graduate	44%	16%	35%	5%
Age	Under 45	38%	16%	37%	10%
	45 or older	45%	9%	36%	10%
Age	18 to 29	25%	13%	50%	12%
	30 to 44	44%	18%	29%	9%
	45 to 59	43%	11%	37%	9%
	60 or older	47%	7%	36%	10%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	27%	13%	48%	12%
	Gen X (31-46)	46%	15%	31%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	43%	12%	36%	9%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	46%	7%	36%	10%
Race	White	47%	10%	31%	11%
	Non-white	29%	14%	49%	7%
Gender	Men	50%	12%	29%	9%
	Women	36%	12%	42%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	11%	36%	9%
	Cell Phone	36%	14%	38%	13%

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President Obama Favorability

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

		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		52%	41%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	78%	18%	3%
	Republican	15%	77%	7%
	Independent	50%	39%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		25%	73%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	86%	11%	3%
	Moderate	56%	31%	13%
	Conservative	29%	68%	3%
Region	Northeast	52%	41%	6%
	Midwest	49%	43%	9%
	South	54%	42%	5%
	West	49%	38%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	37%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	42%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	43%	8%
	College graduate	56%	38%	6%
Age	Under 45	60%	29%	10%
	45 or older	46%	47%	6%
Age	18 to 29	69%	20%	11%
	30 to 44	56%	35%	9%
	45 to 59	47%	45%	8%
	60 or older	46%	50%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	67%	21%	12%
	Gen X (31-46)	56%	36%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	47%	46%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	44%	51%	6%
Race	White	45%	48%	7%
	Non-white	68%	23%	9%
Gender	Men	44%	48%	8%
	Women	58%	35%	7%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	91%	5%	4%
	Disapprove	13%	82%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	44%	7%
	Cell Phone	58%	32%	10%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

President Obama Favorability (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
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%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

Role of Tea Party in Shaping the Debt Ceiling Agreement

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the Tea Party played a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in shaping the agreement to raise the debt ceiling?

		National Adults			
		Do you think the Tea Party played a major role, a minor role, or no role at all in shaping the agreement to raise the debt ceiling?			
		Major role	Minor role	No role at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		31%	33%	19%	17%
Registered Voters		32%	35%	18%	15%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	36%	23%	24%	17%
	Republican	31%	45%	12%	12%
	Independent	29%	40%	17%	14%
Tea Party Supporters [^]		34%	46%	15%	6%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	39%	30%	19%	11%
	Moderate	31%	32%	18%	19%
	Conservative	32%	42%	17%	9%
Region	Northeast	30%	36%	18%	15%
	Midwest	32%	31%	20%	17%
	South	30%	33%	21%	15%
	West	30%	33%	15%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	25%	33%	22%	20%
	\$50,000 or more	39%	34%	17%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	26%	32%	22%	20%
	College graduate	40%	37%	13%	10%
Age	Under 45	29%	34%	19%	18%
	45 or older	31%	34%	19%	16%
Age	18 to 29	27%	30%	23%	21%
	30 to 44	31%	36%	17%	16%
	45 to 59	31%	33%	20%	16%
	60 or older	32%	35%	17%	16%
Race	White	31%	34%	18%	16%
	Non-white	29%	31%	21%	18%
Gender	Men	34%	35%	18%	13%
	Women	27%	32%	21%	20%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	41%	25%	23%	12%
	Disapprove	29%	46%	14%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	31%	33%	20%	16%
	Cell Phone	29%	35%	17%	20%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=1000 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

[^]National Registered Voters: N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Tea Party Supporters

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

		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		9%	20%	61%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	2%	11%	77%	10%
	Republican	15%	32%	44%	10%
	Independent	11%	21%	60%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	2%	6%	85%	7%
	Moderate	2%	15%	72%	11%
	Conservative	21%	36%	37%	6%
Region	Northeast	5%	19%	71%	5%
	Midwest	10%	16%	61%	13%
	South	9%	25%	56%	10%
	West	11%	19%	63%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	9%	21%	57%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	9%	18%	67%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	9%	24%	57%	11%
	College graduate	9%	16%	69%	6%
Age	Under 45	7%	22%	61%	10%
	45 or older	10%	20%	62%	8%
Age	18 to 29	6%	25%	55%	15%
	30 to 44	7%	21%	64%	8%
	45 to 59	11%	18%	62%	9%
	60 or older	10%	22%	61%	7%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	5%	24%	55%	16%
	Gen X (31-46)	8%	21%	63%	7%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	11%	18%	64%	8%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	9%	23%	59%	9%
Race	White	9%	20%	63%	8%
	Non-white	6%	20%	61%	12%
Gender	Men	12%	22%	59%	7%
	Women	6%	19%	64%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	3%	11%	82%	5%
	Disapprove	16%	33%	42%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	9%	21%	62%	8%
	Cell Phone	8%	20%	59%	14%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted August 2nd through August 4th, 2011, N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Tea Party Supporters (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	Registered Voters				
	Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?				
	Strongly support/Support Tea Party	Strongly support Tea Party	Support Tea Party	Does not support Tea Party	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2011	29%	9%	20%	61%	9%
June 2011	25%	9%	16%	64%	11%
April 2011	28%	9%	19%	65%	7%
January 2011	29%	9%	20%	63%	8%
December 10, 2010	29%	10%	19%	62%	9%
November 23, 2010	29%	9%	20%	60%	10%
October 28, 2010	29%	9%	20%	62%	9%
October 8, 2010	30%	12%	18%	62%	8%
September 22, 2010	34%	11%	23%	55%	11%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

Impact of Debt Ceiling Support on 2012 Congressional Campaign

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate for Congress in 2012 who supported the agreement to raise the debt ceiling?

		Registered Voters			
		Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate for Congress in 2012 who supported the agreement to raise the debt ceiling?			
		More likely	Less likely	Makes no difference to vote	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		36%	41%	11%	12%
Party Identification	Democrat	47%	30%	9%	14%
	Republican	24%	53%	13%	10%
	Independent	34%	44%	11%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		27%	61%	6%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	42%	33%	13%	11%
	Moderate	40%	33%	11%	16%
	Conservative	29%	55%	9%	6%
Region	Northeast	35%	35%	16%	14%
	Midwest	30%	44%	13%	13%
	South	38%	45%	6%	11%
	West	37%	37%	15%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	43%	10%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	39%	41%	13%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	32%	44%	10%	13%
	College graduate	42%	36%	12%	9%
Age	Under 45	35%	47%	11%	7%
	45 or older	36%	38%	11%	15%
Age	18 to 29	42%	38%	14%	7%
	30 to 44	31%	52%	10%	7%
	45 to 59	38%	39%	10%	13%
	60 or older	34%	37%	12%	17%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	39%	37%	15%	9%
	Gen X (31-46)	33%	52%	8%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	37%	38%	11%	14%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	34%	37%	13%	16%
Race	White	31%	43%	14%	12%
	Non-white	46%	39%	6%	9%
Gender	Men	32%	49%	12%	7%
	Women	39%	35%	10%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	35%	41%	11%	13%
	Cell Phone	38%	42%	12%	8%

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Level of Cooperation During Next Round of Budget Talks

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you expect the next round of budget talks between President Obama and Congress will be more cooperative, less cooperative, or about the same as it was this time?

		National Adults		
		Do you expect the next round of budget talks between President Obama and Congress will be more cooperative, less cooperative, or about the same as it was this time?		
		More cooperative	Less cooperative	About the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		14%	16%	70%
Registered Voters		14%	16%	71%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	18%	16%	66%
	Republican	8%	14%	78%
	Independent	14%	17%	69%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		12%	16%	71%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	15%	21%	64%
	Moderate	13%	13%	74%
	Conservative	13%	17%	70%
Region	Northeast	5%	21%	74%
	Midwest	12%	18%	70%
	South	18%	14%	68%
	West	16%	14%	70%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	17%	14%	69%
	\$50,000 or more	11%	18%	71%
Education	Not college graduate	15%	15%	70%
	College graduate	12%	19%	69%
Age	Under 45	16%	17%	67%
	45 or older	12%	16%	72%
Age	18 to 29	21%	14%	64%
	30 to 44	12%	19%	69%
	45 to 59	15%	14%	71%
	60 or older	9%	17%	74%
Race	White	10%	18%	72%
	Non-white	22%	12%	67%
Gender	Men	13%	18%	69%
	Women	15%	15%	70%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	21%	14%	65%
	Disapprove	8%	18%	74%
Interview Type	Landline	12%	17%	72%
	Cell Phone	19%	15%	66%

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Support or Oppose Increasing Taxes on Income Over \$250,000?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Increase taxes on income over 250,000 dollars?

		National Adults		
		When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Increase taxes on income over 250,000 dollars?		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		68%	29%	3%
Registered Voters		69%	28%	2%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	85%	14%	1%
	Republican	51%	48%	1%
	Independent	68%	28%	4%
Tea Party Supporters [^]		43%	56%	1%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	90%	9%	<1%
	Moderate	80%	18%	2%
	Conservative	47%	52%	1%
Region	Northeast	75%	23%	3%
	Midwest	66%	31%	3%
	South	65%	31%	3%
	West	70%	29%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	68%	28%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	71%	27%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	68%	28%	3%
	College graduate	68%	31%	1%
Age	Under 45	70%	28%	2%
	45 or older	67%	29%	3%
Age	18 to 29	61%	36%	3%
	30 to 44	77%	22%	1%
	45 to 59	72%	24%	4%
	60 or older	62%	35%	3%
Race	White	70%	28%	3%
	Non-white	66%	31%	3%
Gender	Men	63%	34%	3%
	Women	73%	24%	3%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	87%	12%	1%
	Disapprove	52%	45%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	67%	30%	2%
	Cell Phone	71%	26%	4%

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Support or Oppose Eliminating Oil Subsidies for Oil and Gas Companies?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Eliminate subsidies for oil and gas companies?

		National Adults		
		When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Eliminate subsidies for oil and gas companies?		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		60%	33%	7%
Registered Voters		62%	32%	6%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	65%	30%	5%
	Republican	59%	36%	5%
	Independent	62%	33%	5%
Tea Party Supporters [^]		53%	44%	3%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	66%	28%	6%
	Moderate	71%	26%	3%
	Conservative	52%	43%	5%
Region	Northeast	67%	28%	5%
	Midwest	62%	33%	6%
	South	56%	36%	8%
	West	62%	31%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	38%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	70%	27%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	56%	35%	9%
	College graduate	69%	28%	3%
Age	Under 45	61%	33%	6%
	45 or older	60%	33%	7%
Age	18 to 29	54%	38%	9%
	30 to 44	67%	29%	4%
	45 to 59	66%	29%	6%
	60 or older	54%	37%	9%
Race	White	65%	29%	6%
	Non-white	52%	40%	7%
Gender	Men	64%	30%	6%
	Women	57%	35%	8%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	67%	29%	4%
	Disapprove	58%	36%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	62%	32%	6%
	Cell Phone	57%	34%	9%

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[^]National Registered Voters: N=807 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Support or Oppose Reducing Defense Spending?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Reduce defense spending?

		National Adults		
		When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Reduce defense spending?		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		50%	46%	4%
Registered Voters		50%	46%	4%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	60%	36%	4%
	Republican	33%	63%	4%
	Independent	53%	45%	2%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		44%	54%	2%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	60%	37%	3%
	Moderate	56%	42%	2%
	Conservative	41%	56%	2%
Region	Northeast	60%	36%	3%
	Midwest	50%	48%	2%
	South	44%	51%	6%
	West	51%	45%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	41%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	46%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	51%	4%
	College graduate	61%	36%	3%
Age	Under 45	46%	50%	4%
	45 or older	52%	44%	4%
Age	18 to 29	46%	48%	6%
	30 to 44	47%	51%	2%
	45 to 59	54%	42%	4%
	60 or older	49%	46%	5%
Race	White	47%	48%	4%
	Non-white	55%	41%	4%
Gender	Men	50%	47%	3%
	Women	50%	45%	5%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	64%	34%	2%
	Disapprove	40%	56%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	46%	4%
	Cell Phone	49%	47%	4%

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Support or Oppose Cutting Medicare and Social Security?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Cut Medicare and Social Security?

		National Adults		
		When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Cut Medicare and Social Security?		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		15%	83%	3%
Registered Voters		14%	84%	2%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	12%	87%	1%
	Republican	17%	80%	3%
	Independent	15%	82%	3%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		25%	74%	2%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	8%	91%	1%
	Moderate	9%	90%	1%
	Conservative	24%	74%	2%
Region	Northeast	14%	85%	<1%
	Midwest	13%	82%	5%
	South	13%	84%	3%
	West	20%	78%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	11%	87%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	19%	80%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	12%	86%	2%
	College graduate	20%	77%	3%
Age	Under 45	16%	81%	3%
	45 or older	14%	85%	2%
Age	18 to 29	24%	72%	4%
	30 to 44	10%	87%	3%
	45 to 59	15%	84%	1%
	60 or older	12%	85%	3%
Race	White	12%	86%	2%
	Non-white	20%	78%	3%
Gender	Men	19%	77%	3%
	Women	11%	88%	2%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	13%	87%	1%
	Disapprove	17%	80%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	13%	85%	2%
	Cell Phone	19%	78%	4%

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Support or Oppose Cutting Medicaid and Entitlements?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Cut Medicaid and entitlements?

		National Adults		
		When the next round of budget talks begin, do you support or oppose doing each of the following to deal with the federal budget deficit: Cut Medicaid and entitlements?		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		23%	72%	4%
Registered Voters		23%	73%	4%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	14%	85%	1%
	Republican	37%	58%	4%
	Independent	25%	70%	5%
Tea Party Supporters[^]		42%	53%	4%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	8%	90%	2%
	Moderate	18%	79%	3%
	Conservative	40%	56%	4%
Region	Northeast	21%	76%	3%
	Midwest	25%	70%	5%
	South	22%	74%	4%
	West	25%	70%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	15%	82%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	65%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	18%	77%	5%
	College graduate	33%	63%	3%
Age	Under 45	21%	73%	6%
	45 or older	24%	72%	4%
Age	18 to 29	21%	73%	6%
	30 to 44	22%	73%	5%
	45 to 59	28%	70%	2%
	60 or older	21%	74%	5%
Race	White	24%	72%	4%
	Non-white	21%	75%	4%
Gender	Men	26%	68%	6%
	Women	20%	77%	3%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	18%	81%	1%
	Disapprove	32%	62%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	23%	73%	4%
	Cell Phone	24%	72%	4%

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