

## How the Survey was Conducted

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

This survey of 1,000 adults was conducted on August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. There are 807 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults

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

**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.**

## Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

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

**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.**