

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,042 Adults

This survey of 1,042 adults was conducted on September 13th and September 14th, 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 825 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 317 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 5.5 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 | | 79% |
| 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 | 42% |
| | 45 or older | 58% |
| Generation | Millennials (18-30) | 22% |
| | Gen X (31-46) | 23% |
| | Baby Boomers (47-65) | 34% |
| | Silent-Greatest (Over 65) | 21% |
| Gender | Men | 49% |
| | Women | 51% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 72% |
| | Cell Phone | 28% |

**Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=1042
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 % |
| Registered Voters | | 100% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 34% |
| | Republican | 26% |
| | Independent | 39% |
| | Other | 1% |
| Support Tea Party | Yes | 27% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 20% |
| | Moderate | 42% |
| | Conservative | 38% |
| Region | Northeast | 18% |
| | Midwest | 24% |
| | South | 38% |
| | West | 21% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 47% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 53% |
| Race | White | 70% |
| | African American | 10% |
| | Latino | 9% |
| | Other | 11% |
| Race | White | 70% |
| | Non-white | 30% |
| Age | Under 45 | 32% |
| | 45 or older | 68% |
| Generation | Millennials (18-30) | 14% |
| | Gen X (31-46) | 22% |
| | Baby Boomers (47-65) | 39% |
| | Silent-Greatest (Over 65) | 25% |
| Gender | Men | 48% |
| | Women | 52% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 78% |
| | Cell Phone | 22% |

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=825 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

| Nature of the Sample - Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| | | Republicans and Republican leaning independents |
| | | Col % |
| Republicans and Republican leaning independents | | 100% |
| Party Identification | Republican | 66% |
| | Independent | 34% |
| Support Tea Party | Yes | 50% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 43% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 57% |
| Age | Under 45 | 29% |
| | 45 or older | 71% |
| Gender | Men | 49% |
| | Women | 51% |

Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=317 MOE +/- 5.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.