## **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 13<sup>th</sup> and September 14<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 ±3.0 percentage points. There are 825 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 - 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			
		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.