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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

***Disapproval of Obama and GOP Congress at All-Time High...
Two-Thirds View Nation on Wrong Track***

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Voters nationally are dissatisfied with the country's elected officials and the state of the nation. While President Barack Obama's job approval rating hovers in the low 40's, a majority of registered voters say they are displeased with how President Obama is doing his job. To make matters worse for the president, it is the first time a majority of Americans have an unfavorable view of him.

President Obama isn't alone. The job approval ratings of the Republicans and Democrats in Congress continue to be low, and voters' dissatisfaction with the Congressional GOP is at its highest. Many voters give the nation's elected officials in Washington poor grades. Americans' attitudes toward the direction of the nation are pessimistic. The proportion of adults who think the country is off track is the largest in more than two years.

"The government shutdown and the troubled launch of Obamacare have confirmed for many Americans that Washington is broken," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "There certainly isn't any grade inflation when it comes to how Americans rate the nation's political leadership."

When it comes to President Obama's job performance, 43% of registered voters approve of how he is doing. However, a majority -- 53% -- disapproves of his job performance. Four percent are unsure. This is the president's highest *disapproval* rating since taking office. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in September, 44% of registered voters approved of how President Obama was doing in office. 47% disapproved, and 9% were unsure.

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By party:

- Obama retains the support of his base. 77% of Democrats approve of his performance while 18% disapprove. Five percent are unsure. In September, 76% approved, 14% disapproved, and 10% were unsure.
- Most Republicans -- 90% -- disapprove of how President Obama is doing his job. Eight percent approve, and 3% disapprove. In September's survey, 86% gave the president subpar grades, 10% thought well of his job performance, and 4% were unsure.
- Among independents, 41% approve of the job the president is doing. 56% disapprove, and 3% are unsure. In September, 39% of independents thought Obama's job performance was on target. 50% believed it missed the mark, and 11% were unsure.

Looking at President Obama's favorable rating, 46% of registered voters have a favorable view of Obama. For the first time, a majority -- 52% -- has an unfavorable impression of him, and 3% have either never heard of him or are unsure how to rate him.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in July, 47% had a favorable opinion of the president. 46% had a lesser view of him, and 7% had either never heard of him or were unsure how to rate him.

Low Marks on Handling of Economy, Foreign Policy

Only 40% of voters approve of how President Obama is dealing with the economy, and 58% disapprove. Two percent are unsure. The proportion of voters who disapproves is the largest since November 2011 when 59% said he fell short on the economy, and 36% of voters gave the president high marks. Four percent were unsure. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in July, 37% of voters approved of how Obama was handling the economy. 56% disapproved, and 7% were unsure.

When it comes to foreign policy, 46% approve of how Obama is dealing with the issue while 51% disapprove. Four percent are unsure. While a majority disapproves of how the president is handling foreign policy, there has been an increase in his approval rating in this area. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in September amid heightened concern over the use of chemical weapons by Syria, 38% approved of how President Obama managed foreign affairs while 54% disapproved. Eight percent, at the time, were unsure.

Voters Dissatisfied with Congress

Voters nationwide do not hold the Republicans and Democrats in Congress in high esteem. Only 22% of voters approve of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing. 74% disapprove, and 4% have either never heard of them or are unsure how to rate them. The

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Congressional Republicans previously experienced their highest level of voter dissatisfaction in April when 71% said their performance was subpar.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in July, 22% thought well of the job the GOP in Congress was doing. About two-thirds -- 66% -- believed they fell short, and 12% had either never heard of the Republicans in Congress or were unsure how to rate them.

Looking across the aisle to the Democrats in Congress, 33% of voters approve of how they are doing their job while 64% disapprove, and 3% have either never heard of them or are unsure how to rate them. This is the highest level of voter dissatisfaction with the Congressional Democrats since November 2011 when 65% of voters gave Congressional Democrats low marks.

In McClatchy-Marist's July survey, 33% approved of the job Congressional Democrats were doing in office. 57% disapproved, and 10% had either never heard of them or were unsure how to rate them.

Going into a midterm election year, what do each party's electoral prospects look like? Looking at the generic ballot, voters divide. 43% say they would support the Democratic candidate in their Congressional district while 43% say they would support the Republican candidate. Six would vote for neither, and 8% are undecided.

Washington Leaders Receive Poor Grades from Americans

Overall, how do Americans grade the performances of our nation's elected officials in Washington, D.C.? More than two-thirds of adults nationally -- 68% -- give them below average grades. This includes 31% who rate them with a "D" and 37% who give them an "F." 24% grade them with a "C" while 7% give the country's elected officials a "B." Only 1% says they deserve an "A."

When it comes to gridlock on the federal budget, who is to blame? Nearly half of adults nationally -- 48% -- say the Congressional Republicans are at fault for the gridlock on the federal budget. 37% point a finger at President Obama. 12% blame both the Republicans and the president while 3% blame neither or are unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in April, 48% blamed the Congressional GOP, 34% placed the responsibility on President Obama, and 11% pointed a finger at both. Seven percent blamed neither or were unsure.

Pessimism about the Direction of the Country at Highest Point in Two Years

About two-thirds of adults nationally -- 66% -- say the country is moving in the wrong direction. 30% believe it is moving in the right one, and 4% are unsure. The proportion of residents who report the country has fallen off track is the highest since November 2011

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when 25% thought the nation was on the right road, and 70% believed it needed a course correction. Four percent, at the time, were unsure. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in July, 30% said the country was traveling in the right direction. 60% reported it was moving in the wrong one, and 11% were unsure.

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How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,173 Adults

This survey of 1,173 adults was conducted December 3rd through December 5th, 2013 by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with the McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.9 percentage points. There are 988 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.1 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters	
		Col %	Col %	
National Adults		100%		
National Registered Voters		84%	100%	
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	31%	
	Republican	n/a	27%	
	Independent	n/a	41%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	19%	
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	12%	
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	16%	
	Just Independents	n/a	8%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	16%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	15%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
	Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a	12%
		Conservative	n/a	29%
Moderate		n/a	34%	
Liberal		n/a	18%	
	Very liberal	n/a	6%	
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	27%	
Gender	Men	49%	48%	
	Women	51%	52%	
Age	Under 45	41%	38%	
	45 or older	59%	62%	
Age	18 to 29	17%	14%	
	30 to 44	24%	25%	
	45 to 59	29%	30%	
	60 or older	30%	31%	
Race	White	68%	70%	
	African American	11%	11%	
	Latino	13%	11%	
	Other	7%	7%	
Region	Northeast	18%	18%	
	Midwest	22%	23%	
	South	37%	37%	
	West	23%	22%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	47%	
	\$50,000 or more	51%	53%	
Education	Not college graduate	62%	58%	
	College graduate	38%	42%	
Marital Status	Married	52%	57%	
	Not married	48%	43%	
Interview Type	Landline	67%	68%	
	Cell phone	33%	32%	

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National Registered Voters: n=988 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables: President Obama and Congress

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		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
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National Registered Voters		43%	53%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	77%	18%	5%
	Republican	8%	90%	3%
	Independent	41%	56%	3%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	88%	10%	2%
	Soft Democrats	68%	27%	5%
	Just Independents	32%	57%	11%
	Soft Republicans	12%	84%	4%
	Strong Republicans	4%	96%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	88%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	76%	21%	4%
	Moderate	45%	49%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	23%	75%	3%
Region	Northeast	44%	53%	3%
	Midwest	46%	51%	3%
	South	41%	55%	4%
	West	44%	51%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%	49%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	54%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	56%	5%
	College graduate	49%	49%	3%
Race	White	33%	64%	3%
	African American	92%	8%	0%
	Latino	52%	37%	11%
Age	18 to 29	54%	41%	5%
	30 to 44	44%	50%	5%
	45 to 59	40%	56%	4%
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Gender	Men	39%	57%	4%
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Marital Status	Married	37%	59%	3%
	Not married	51%	45%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	41%	56%	3%
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November 2012	50%	46%	4%
July 2012	47%	47%	6%
March 2012	48%	47%	5%
November 2011	43%	50%	7%
September 2011	39%	52%	9%
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%
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Party Identification	Democrat	82%	16%	2%
	Republican	9%	89%	2%
	Independent	43%	54%	3%
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	Soft Democrats	76%	23%	1%
	Just Independents	33%	59%	8%
	Soft Republicans	11%	86%	3%
	Strong Republicans	7%	91%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		9%	89%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	80%	19%	0%
	Moderate	49%	46%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	23%	75%	2%
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	Conservative-Very conservative	16%	81%	4%
Region	Northeast	33%	64%	3%
	Midwest	37%	59%	4%
	South	33%	64%	3%
	West	30%	68%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	58%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	67%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	66%	3%
	College graduate	35%	61%	4%
Race	White	26%	71%	4%
	African American	74%	24%	2%
	Latino	41%	56%	2%
Age	18 to 29	39%	53%	8%
	30 to 44	32%	64%	3%
	45 to 59	33%	64%	3%
	60 or older	32%	65%	2%
Age	Under 45	35%	60%	5%
	45 or older	33%	65%	2%
Gender	Men	29%	69%	2%
	Women	37%	59%	4%
Marital Status	Married	27%	71%	2%
	Not married	40%	55%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	31%	67%	2%
	Cell phone	38%	56%	5%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables: President Obama and Congress

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2013	33%	64%	3%
July 2013	33%	57%	10%
April 2013	32%	62%	6%
March 2013	31%	62%	7%
December 2012	35%	58%	7%
March 2012	34%	59%	7%
November 2011	28%	65%	7%
September 2011	30%	63%	7%
August 2011	35%	55%	11%
June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables: President Obama and Congress

		National 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	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		43%	43%	6%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	90%	3%	2%	5%
	Republican	3%	94%	3%	1%
	Independent	34%	41%	12%	14%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	96%	0%	1%	3%
	Soft Democrats	78%	8%	4%	10%
	Just Independents	12%	24%	28%	37%
	Soft Republicans	3%	84%	9%	4%
	Strong Republicans	3%	97%	0%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	78%	7%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	78%	8%	5%	9%
	Moderate	49%	35%	8%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	71%	5%	6%
Region	Northeast	47%	39%	7%	7%
	Midwest	41%	48%	5%	6%
	South	42%	43%	7%	7%
	West	44%	39%	7%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	38%	5%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	46%	7%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	45%	7%	8%
	College graduate	46%	40%	7%	7%
Race	White	35%	52%	6%	7%
	African American	79%	12%	2%	7%
	Latino	50%	24%	12%	14%
Age	18 to 29	46%	38%	10%	6%
	30 to 44	42%	41%	7%	9%
	45 to 59	45%	42%	6%	8%
	60 or older	42%	47%	5%	6%
Age	Under 45	43%	40%	8%	8%
	45 or older	43%	44%	5%	7%
Gender	Men	37%	46%	8%	8%
	Women	49%	40%	5%	7%
Marital Status	Married	37%	50%	7%	6%
	Not married	52%	34%	5%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	45%	6%	8%
	Cell phone	46%	39%	8%	8%

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		National Adults				
		In general, what grade would you give to elected officials in Washington, D.C.? Would you give them an A, B, C, D, or an F for a failing grade?				
		A	B	C	D	F
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		1%	7%	24%	31%	37%
National Registered Voters		1%	6%	25%	31%	38%
Party Identification^	Democrat	1%	8%	32%	30%	29%
	Republican	0%	4%	25%	31%	40%
	Independent	1%	5%	20%	31%	42%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	1%	10%	29%	29%	31%
	Soft Democrats	1%	6%	29%	33%	32%
	Just Independents	3%	8%	14%	29%	47%
	Soft Republicans	0%	3%	23%	30%	44%
	Strong Republicans	0%	6%	23%	32%	39%
Tea Party Supporters^		1%	5%	18%	30%	46%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	2%	6%	30%	31%	32%
	Moderate	0%	6%	26%	33%	35%
	Conservative-Very conservative	0%	6%	22%	29%	43%
Region	Northeast	0%	7%	24%	29%	40%
	Midwest	0%	6%	25%	42%	28%
	South	1%	8%	25%	25%	41%
	West	0%	6%	22%	31%	40%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	1%	8%	27%	28%	36%
	\$50,000 or more	0%	6%	22%	33%	39%
Education	Not college graduate	1%	8%	22%	30%	38%
	College graduate	0%	5%	27%	32%	36%
Race	White	0%	6%	22%	32%	40%
	African American	2%	16%	39%	26%	17%
	Latino	1%	6%	30%	20%	43%
Age	18 to 29	0%	14%	34%	25%	27%
	30 to 44	0%	5%	27%	38%	30%
	45 to 59	1%	7%	22%	29%	42%
	60 or older	1%	5%	18%	31%	45%
Age	Under 45	0%	9%	30%	33%	28%
	45 or older	1%	6%	20%	30%	43%
Gender	Men	1%	6%	19%	29%	44%
	Women	1%	8%	29%	32%	31%
Marital Status	Married	0%	6%	21%	33%	40%
	Not married	1%	8%	27%	28%	35%
Interview Type	Landline	1%	5%	22%	33%	39%
	Cell phone	1%	11%	29%	26%	34%

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		National Adults			
		Who do you think is more to blame for the gridlock on the federal budget:			
		The Congressional			
		Republicans	President Obama	Both	Neither-Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		48%	37%	12%	3%
National Registered Voters		48%	38%	11%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	79%	9%	9%	3%
	Republican	11%	73%	14%	1%
	Independent	50%	37%	10%	3%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	89%	6%	3%	2%
	Soft Democrats	74%	13%	10%	3%
	Just Independents	40%	29%	22%	8%
	Soft Republicans	19%	65%	14%	2%
	Strong Republicans	9%	81%	9%	1%
Tea Party Supporters^		13%	76%	9%	2%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	81%	11%	7%	1%
	Moderate	53%	29%	13%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	25%	61%	12%	2%
Region	Northeast	53%	27%	16%	3%
	Midwest	52%	37%	9%	3%
	South	41%	42%	12%	4%
	West	50%	37%	10%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	35%	12%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	36%	11%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	40%	12%	4%
	College graduate	54%	32%	11%	3%
Race	White	41%	44%	12%	4%
	African American	78%	11%	7%	4%
	Latino	50%	26%	21%	3%
Age	18 to 29	51%	32%	13%	4%
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	45 or older	47%	39%	11%	3%
Gender	Men	45%	40%	12%	3%
	Women	51%	34%	12%	4%
Marital Status	Married	43%	44%	11%	2%
	Not married	54%	29%	12%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	40%	11%	3%
	Cell phone	49%	31%	14%	5%

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		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		30%	66%	4%
National Registered Voters		30%	67%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	57%	40%	4%
	Republican	4%	95%	1%
	Independent	26%	69%	4%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	64%	32%	4%
	Soft Democrats	46%	49%	5%
	Just Independents	23%	70%	7%
	Soft Republicans	8%	91%	1%
	Strong Republicans	2%	98%	0%
Tea Party Supporters^		8%	91%	1%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	55%	41%	4%
	Moderate	33%	63%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	13%	85%	2%
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Marital Status	Married	26%	71%	3%
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	Cell phone	38%	58%	4%

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	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?		
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	Row %	Row %	Row %
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July 2013	30%	60%	11%
April 2013	38%	58%	4%
March 2013	35%	60%	5%
December 2012	40%	55%	5%
March 2012	43%	53%	4%
November 2011	25%	70%	4%
September 2011	22%	73%	5%
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%
December 2001	56%	32%	12%
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