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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

**Many Americans Lack Confidence
In Obama and Congressional GOP**

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Americans' faith in their elected officials in Washington is in short supply. Nearly two-thirds of adults nationally report they do not have confidence in President Barack Obama to make headway on important issues facing the country this year, and more than seven in ten have this view of the Republicans in Congress. When it comes to the grade Americans give to their elected officials in Washington, nearly six in ten residents say they deserve below average marks.

"Americans paint a very stark picture of their leaders in Washington," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "They're fatigued by political infighting and see recent agreements as too little too late."

65% of U.S. residents are not very confident -- 34% -- or not confident at all -- 31% -- that President Obama will advance the key issues facing the nation in the coming year. However, about one in three Americans -- 33% -- has faith in President Obama to make headway on important issues on the national agenda. Included here are 7% who are very confident and 26% who are confident. Two percent are unsure. Similar proportions of registered voters share these views.

While 62% of Democrats express confidence in the president's ability to move the national conversation forward, 37% are not that certain. Not surprisingly, most Republicans -- 91% -- do not believe President Obama will be able to advance the important issues facing the country. Nearly three in four independents -- 74% -- agree.

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When it comes to the Republicans in Congress, 71% of adults nationally do not think they will be able to advance the key issues on the national agenda. This includes 43% who are not very confident in them to do so and 28% who are not confident at all. Only 26% of Americans believe the GOP in Congress can make headway on these issues. Included here are 3% who are very confident and 23% who are confident. The views of registered voters mirror those of Americans, overall.

By party, more than three in four Democrats -- 77% -- and close to eight in ten independents -- 79% -- lack confidence in Congressional Republicans to advance the important issues facing the nation. Even six in ten Republicans -- 60% -- have this opinion.

Overall, Americans are dissatisfied with the performance of elected officials in Washington. 57% of adults nationally give elected officials below average grades. This includes 28% who say they deserve a "D" and 29% who report they should be given an "F." Only 1% thinks the country's representatives in Washington have earned an "A," and 12% believe they should receive a "B." 29% bestow an average grade of "C" on public officeholders in Washington.

There has been some improvement on this question. When McClatchy-Marist last reported it in December, 68% of adults thought federal officials deserved below average grades. One percent said they should receive an "A" while 7% reported "B" was sufficient. Close to one in four -- 24% -- thought elected officials in Washington earned a "C."

Majority Disapproves of Obama's Job Performance

52% of registered voters nationally disapprove of how President Obama is doing his job. 42% approve, and 5% are unsure. There has been little movement on this question since December when 53% believed the president had fallen short. 43%, at that time, approved of the president's job performance, and 4% were unsure.

A partisan divide exists. While 80% of Democrats approve of the job Obama is doing, 88% of Republicans disapprove. Nearly six in ten independents -- 58% -- are dissatisfied with how the president is performing his job.

On the specifics of the president's job performance, a majority of voters -- 54% -- disapproves of how he is handling the economy. 41% approve, and 5% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's December survey, 58% disapproved of how Obama was dealing with the economy. 40% approved, and 2% were unsure.

Half of voters -- 50% -- are also displeased with how President Obama is handling foreign policy. 43% approve of the president's approach, and 8% are unsure. These results are similar to those found in December when 51% of voters nationally disapproved of how President Obama tackled foreign policy issues. 46% approved, and 4%, then, were unsure.

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When it comes to the president's favorability, voters divide. 50% have a negative opinion of Mr. Obama while 47% have a favorable one. Three percent have either never heard of the president or are unsure how to rate him.

Perceptions of the president have improved slightly. When this question was last reported in January, 48% of voters had an unfavorable impression of him, and 41% had a favorable one. 11%, at that time, had either never heard of the president or were unsure how to rate him.

Voters Still Sour on Congressional GOP and Dems

Members of Congress are also feeling the heat from voters. More than seven in ten voters - 72% -- disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing, including a majority of Republicans. 22% of registered voters approve, and 6% are unsure. Congressional Republicans have not been able to reverse public opinion. In December, 74% of voters gave them low marks. 22% thought they were doing a good job, and 4% were unsure.

Impressions of the Republican Party, overall, are far from stellar. More than six in ten voters nationally -- 62% -- have an unfavorable view of the GOP. 32% think well of the party, and 6% have either never heard of it or are unsure how to rate it.

Independents are key. 65% of independent voters have a negative view of the Republican Party, and even 29% of Republicans have this view. Not surprisingly, more than eight in ten Democrats -- 84% -- have an unfavorable opinion of the GOP.

Congressional Democrats don't fare much better. Six in ten voters -- 60% -- disapprove of the job they are doing. About one-third -- 33% -- approves, and 7% are unsure. There has been little change since December when 64% of the national electorate believed the Democrats in Congress fell short. 33% thought they were doing well in their post, and 3%, then, were unsure.

When it comes to what voters think of the Democratic Party, 53% have an unfavorable impression of it. 43% have a favorable view of the party, and 4% have either never heard of it or are unsure how to rate it.

Again, independent voters play a pivotal role. 56% of independents have a negative opinion of the Democratic Party. 91% of Republicans share this view. However, more than eight in ten Democrats -- 82% -- have a positive impression of their political party.

The Battle for Congressional Control: Voters Divide

Looking to this year's mid-term elections, 46% of voters say they would support the Democratic candidate. 44% would back the Republican while 4% would vote for another candidate. Five percent are undecided.

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These results reflect those found in December's survey. At that time, 43% of voters said they would support the Democrat for Congress while 43% said they were for the Republican. Six percent would vote for someone else, and 8% were undecided.

The parties are polarized with 88% of Democrats saying they would support the Democratic candidate and 96% of Republicans reporting they would back the Republican candidate. Among independents, they divide. 43% would support the Democrat while 40% would back the Republican for Congress in their district.

Nearly Two-Thirds of Americans Believe Nation is on the Wrong Track

64% of adults nationally believe the country is on the wrong track. 33% say it is on the right one, and 3% are unsure. When this question was last reported earlier this month, 63% of Americans believed the country was moving in the wrong direction while 30% thought it was traveling in the right one. Eight percent, then, were unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,197 Adults

This survey of 1,197 adults was conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014 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. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.8 percentage points. There are 970 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		81%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	34%
	Republican	n/a	27%
	Independent	n/a	37%
	Other	n/a	2%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	19%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	15%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	16%
	Just Independents	n/a	7%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	15%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	15%
	Other	n/a	2%
	Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a
Conservative		n/a	32%
Moderate		n/a	33%
Liberal		n/a	20%
Very liberal		n/a	6%
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	27%
Gender	Men	49%	48%
	Women	51%	52%
Age	Under 45	42%	35%
	45 or older	58%	65%
Age	18 to 29	23%	16%
	30 to 44	20%	18%
	45 to 59	31%	34%
	60 or older	27%	31%
Race	White	70%	74%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	12%	10%
	Other	6%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	23%
	South	37%	36%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	46%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	54%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	57%
	College graduate	40%	43%
Marital Status	Married	46%	52%
	Not married	54%	48%
Interview Type	Landline	60%	64%
	Cell phone	40%	36%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=1197 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Are you very confident, confident, not very confident, or not confident at all that President Obama will be able to make headway on important issues facing the country this year?				
		Very confident	Confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		7%	26%	34%	31%	2%
National Registered Voters		7%	26%	34%	33%	1%
Party Identification^	Democrat	16%	46%	29%	8%	2%
	Republican	0%	8%	32%	59%	1%
	Independent	4%	22%	39%	35%	1%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	24%	51%	20%	4%	1%
	Soft Democrats	6%	39%	39%	15%	1%
	Just Independents	8%	17%	30%	41%	4%
	Soft Republicans	0%	6%	41%	52%	0%
	Strong Republicans	0%	9%	26%	64%	2%
Tea Party Supporters^		5%	9%	28%	56%	1%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	11%	42%	34%	12%	2%
	Moderate	6%	24%	40%	29%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	5%	16%	30%	48%	1%
Region	Northeast	10%	21%	38%	29%	2%
	Midwest	8%	29%	32%	29%	2%
	South	6%	24%	33%	35%	2%
	West	5%	31%	33%	28%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	10%	29%	31%	27%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	4%	24%	37%	33%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	7%	27%	32%	33%	2%
	College graduate	6%	25%	38%	29%	3%
Race	White	3%	22%	36%	38%	2%
	African American	22%	51%	19%	7%	1%
	Latino	16%	29%	36%	17%	2%
Age	18 to 29	11%	33%	33%	19%	4%
	30 to 44	9%	27%	36%	25%	2%
	45 to 59	4%	24%	33%	38%	2%
	60 or older	5%	22%	34%	37%	2%
Age	Under 45	10%	30%	34%	22%	3%
	45 or older	4%	23%	33%	38%	2%
Gender	Men	5%	26%	35%	32%	2%
	Women	9%	26%	32%	30%	3%
Marital Status	Married	4%	19%	36%	40%	1%
	Not married	10%	32%	32%	23%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	5%	23%	34%	37%	1%
	Cell phone	10%	31%	33%	22%	4%

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^National Registered Voters: n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Are you very confident, confident, not very confident, or not confident at all that the Republicans in Congress will be able to make headway on important issues facing the country this year?				
		Very confident	Confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		3%	23%	43%	28%	4%
National Registered Voters		2%	21%	45%	29%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	2%	18%	43%	34%	2%
	Republican	3%	34%	43%	17%	3%
	Independent	2%	15%	48%	31%	3%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	2%	15%	39%	43%	1%
	Soft Democrats	2%	16%	50%	30%	1%
	Just Independents	2%	20%	29%	36%	13%
	Soft Republicans	2%	20%	53%	21%	3%
	Strong Republicans	5%	42%	37%	16%	1%
Tea Party Supporters^		4%	29%	40%	24%	2%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	1%	8%	47%	42%	2%
	Moderate	2%	17%	48%	30%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	4%	32%	43%	19%	2%
Region	Northeast	1%	21%	44%	30%	3%
	Midwest	3%	21%	48%	24%	4%
	South	4%	23%	40%	28%	4%
	West	2%	27%	39%	29%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	3%	27%	38%	29%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	3%	19%	49%	27%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	3%	26%	39%	27%	5%
	College graduate	2%	19%	47%	29%	2%
Race	White	3%	21%	44%	28%	4%
	African American	2%	26%	44%	26%	3%
	Latino	0%	25%	37%	33%	5%
Age	18 to 29	4%	34%	36%	20%	6%
	30 to 44	1%	19%	51%	23%	6%
	45 to 59	2%	20%	45%	31%	2%
	60 or older	3%	20%	41%	33%	3%
Age	Under 45	3%	27%	43%	21%	6%
	45 or older	3%	20%	43%	32%	2%
Gender	Men	3%	23%	42%	27%	4%
	Women	2%	23%	43%	28%	4%
Marital Status	Married	2%	21%	45%	29%	3%
	Not married	3%	25%	41%	26%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	3%	23%	42%	30%	3%
	Cell phone	3%	24%	43%	24%	6%

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*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%	12%	29%	28%	29%
National Registered Voters		1%	10%	27%	31%	31%
Party Identification^	Democrat	3%	20%	35%	30%	13%
	Republican	0%	7%	28%	33%	32%
	Independent	1%	5%	23%	30%	41%
Tea Party Supporters^		1%	2%	33%	27%	37%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	3%	18%	28%	29%	22%
	Moderate	0%	10%	24%	35%	31%
	Conservative-Very conservative	1%	7%	28%	28%	35%
Region	Northeast	0%	13%	34%	26%	26%
	Midwest	1%	13%	30%	26%	29%
	South	2%	11%	29%	22%	35%
	West	0%	12%	24%	39%	24%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	2%	13%	28%	24%	32%
	\$50,000 or more	0%	9%	32%	32%	28%
Education	Not college graduate	2%	13%	32%	23%	30%
	College graduate	0%	10%	26%	35%	29%
Race	White	0%	9%	27%	33%	31%
	Non-white	5%	22%	37%	14%	23%
Age	18 to 29	1%	30%	28%	16%	24%
	30 to 44	2%	12%	39%	22%	26%
	45 to 59	1%	6%	29%	36%	29%
	60 or older	1%	9%	23%	31%	36%
Age	Under 45	2%	21%	33%	19%	25%
	45 or older	1%	7%	26%	34%	32%
Gender	Men	2%	12%	24%	25%	37%
	Women	1%	13%	35%	30%	22%
Marital Status	Married	2%	7%	28%	33%	31%
	Not married	1%	17%	30%	23%	28%
Interview Type	Landline	1%	9%	28%	28%	33%
	Cell phone	1%	17%	31%	28%	24%

Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=610 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters Split Sample: n=493 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		42%	52%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	80%	16%	5%
	Republican	7%	88%	4%
	Independent	35%	58%	7%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	88%	11%	1%
	Soft Democrats	67%	25%	8%
	Just Independents	30%	54%	16%
	Soft Republicans	8%	88%	4%
	Strong Republicans	7%	90%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	85%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	78%	19%	3%
	Moderate	44%	48%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	76%	4%
Region	Northeast	50%	44%	6%
	Midwest	44%	49%	7%
	South	38%	56%	6%
	West	41%	55%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%	47%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	41%	55%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	55%	7%
	College graduate	48%	48%	4%
Race	White	36%	61%	3%
	African American	84%	9%	7%
	Latino	46%	38%	16%
Age	18 to 29	54%	33%	12%
	30 to 44	50%	42%	8%
	45 to 59	35%	62%	3%
	60 or older	41%	56%	3%
Age	Under 45	52%	38%	10%
	45 or older	38%	59%	3%
Gender	Men	39%	56%	5%
	Women	45%	49%	6%
Marital Status	Married	35%	62%	3%
	Not married	50%	42%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	58%	2%
	Cell phone	48%	41%	12%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
February 2014	42%	52%	5%
December 2013	43%	53%	4%
September 2013	44%	47%	9%
July 2013	41%	48%	11%
April 2013	50%	46%	4%
March 2013	45%	48%	7%
December 2012	50%	44%	6%
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%
April 27, 2009	55%	31%	14%
April 8, 2009	56%	30%	14%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		41%	54%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	76%	22%	3%
	Republican	6%	89%	5%
	Independent	34%	59%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	78%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	73%	22%	4%
	Moderate	42%	53%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	74%	4%
Region	Northeast	43%	50%	8%
	Midwest	42%	51%	7%
	South	38%	59%	2%
	West	42%	54%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	54%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	54%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	58%	5%
	College graduate	46%	49%	5%
Race	White	34%	62%	4%
	Non-white	63%	30%	7%
Age	18 to 29	53%	35%	12%
	30 to 44	46%	48%	7%
	45 to 59	34%	64%	2%
Age	60 or older	39%	57%	3%
	Under 45	49%	42%	9%
Gender	45 or older	37%	61%	3%
	Men	38%	58%	4%
Marital Status	Women	43%	51%	6%
	Married	35%	63%	3%
Interview Type	Not married	47%	46%	7%
	Landline	37%	61%	1%
	Cell phone	47%	42%	11%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=473 MOE +/- 4.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
February 2014	41%	54%	5%
December 2013	40%	58%	2%
July 2013	37%	56%	7%
April 2013	44%	53%	2%
March 2013	40%	57%	4%
December 2012	44%	52%	4%
March 2012	46%	51%	3%
November 2011	36%	59%	4%
September 2011	33%	61%	6%
June 2011	37%	58%	5%
April 2011	40%	57%	3%
January 2011	44%	48%	8%
November 23, 2010	42%	55%	4%
September 21, 2010	41%	56%	3%
June 30, 2010	46%	48%	6%
March 31, 2010	46%	49%	5%
December 8, 2009	45%	51%	4%
October 14, 2009	48%	47%	5%
August 12, 2009	52%	41%	7%
June 8, 2009	53%	41%	6%
April 8, 2009	54%	37%	9%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		43%	50%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	73%	19%	8%
	Republican	10%	87%	3%
	Independent	39%	52%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		18%	76%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	77%	17%	6%
	Moderate	44%	48%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	72%	7%
Region	Northeast	38%	45%	17%
	Midwest	50%	48%	3%
	South	37%	57%	6%
	West	49%	44%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	50%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	49%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	52%	10%
	College graduate	50%	46%	4%
Race	White	38%	56%	6%
	Non-white	59%	30%	11%
Age	18 to 29	57%	26%	17%
	30 to 44	38%	48%	14%
	45 to 59	41%	55%	3%
	60 or older	41%	54%	4%
Age	Under 45	47%	38%	15%
	45 or older	41%	55%	4%
Gender	Men	41%	53%	6%
	Women	45%	46%	9%
Marital Status	Married	38%	58%	3%
	Not married	48%	40%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	53%	4%
	Cell phone	42%	43%	14%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=473 MOE +/- 4.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
February 2014	43%	50%	8%
December 2013	46%	51%	4%
September 2013	38%	54%	8%
July 2013	41%	48%	10%
April 2013	48%	46%	6%
March 2013	46%	47%	8%
December 2012	51%	42%	7%
March 2012	50%	45%	5%
November 2011	49%	45%	6%
April 2011	46%	48%	6%
November 2010	44%	47%	9%
June 2009	54%	32%	14%
April 2009	55%	24%	21%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		47%	50%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	85%	13%	2%
	Republican	10%	87%	3%
Party Identification*	Independent	39%	56%	5%
	Strong Democrats	92%	8%	0%
	Soft Democrats	74%	21%	5%
	Just Independents	34%	58%	8%
	Soft Republicans	12%	86%	2%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	7%	90%	3%
		13%	85%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	80%	17%	2%
	Moderate	51%	44%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	76%	2%
Region	Northeast	52%	42%	6%
	Midwest	48%	48%	3%
	South	42%	54%	4%
	West	47%	52%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	46%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	51%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	55%	3%
	College graduate	52%	44%	4%
Race	White	38%	59%	3%
	African American	88%	10%	2%
	Latino	58%	33%	9%
Age	18 to 29	60%	32%	8%
	30 to 44	54%	45%	1%
	45 to 59	39%	58%	2%
	60 or older	43%	54%	3%
Age	Under 45	57%	39%	4%
	45 or older	41%	56%	3%
Gender	Men	42%	55%	3%
	Women	51%	45%	4%
Marital Status	Married	38%	59%	3%
	Not married	56%	40%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	56%	2%
	Cell phone	54%	40%	5%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
February 2014	47%	50%	3%
January 2014	41%	48%	11%
December 2013	46%	52%	3%
July 2013	47%	46%	7%
April 2013	53%	45%	2%
March 2013	48%	48%	4%
December 2012	53%	44%	3%
July 2012	49%	46%	3%
March 2012	50%	46%	3%
November 2011	47%	49%	4%
September 2011	46%	48%	5%
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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		22%	72%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	11%	83%	5%
	Republican	40%	58%	3%
	Independent	17%	74%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		25%	69%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	5%	93%	2%
	Moderate	22%	69%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	34%	60%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	78%	4%
	Midwest	27%	68%	5%
	South	28%	67%	6%
	West	10%	81%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	20%	72%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	23%	74%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	23%	69%	8%
	College graduate	22%	76%	3%
Race	White	23%	72%	5%
	Non-white	20%	74%	6%
Age	18 to 29	27%	66%	8%
	30 to 44	18%	74%	8%
	45 to 59	23%	73%	4%
	60 or older	21%	74%	5%
Age	Under 45	22%	70%	8%
	45 or older	22%	73%	5%
Gender	Men	24%	72%	4%
	Women	21%	72%	7%
Marital Status	Married	22%	73%	4%
	Not married	22%	70%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	23%	73%	4%
	Cell phone	20%	71%	9%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=498 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
February 2014	22%	72%	6%
December 2013	22%	74%	4%
July 2013	22%	66%	12%
April 2013	24%	71%	6%
March 2013	26%	68%	7%
December 2012	26%	67%	7%
March 2012	31%	62%	8%
November 2011	23%	70%	7%
September 2011	26%	67%	8%
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Republican Party?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		32%	62%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	11%	84%	5%
	Republican	68%	29%	3%
	Independent	25%	65%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	7%	89%	3%
	Soft Democrats	11%	83%	6%
	Just Independents	22%	51%	26%
	Soft Republicans	51%	43%	6%
	Strong Republicans	77%	23%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		52%	44%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	10%	89%	1%
	Moderate	24%	67%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	52%	41%	6%
Region	Northeast	31%	62%	7%
	Midwest	32%	63%	5%
	South	35%	59%	7%
	West	29%	66%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	65%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	61%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	35%	58%	7%
	College graduate	29%	66%	5%
Race	White	35%	59%	7%
	African American	21%	77%	2%
	Latino	21%	68%	10%
Age	18 to 29	32%	64%	4%
	30 to 44	24%	64%	12%
	45 to 59	36%	59%	5%
	60 or older	32%	63%	5%
Age	Under 45	28%	64%	8%
	45 or older	34%	61%	5%
Gender	Men	34%	63%	4%
	Women	31%	61%	8%
Marital Status	Married	36%	59%	5%
	Not married	28%	65%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	63%	4%
	Cell phone	31%	59%	10%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=970

MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		33%	60%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	65%	29%	6%
	Republican	4%	93%	3%
	Independent	27%	64%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		7%	91%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	54%	38%	8%
	Moderate	36%	54%	10%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	79%	2%
Region	Northeast	43%	52%	4%
	Midwest	28%	67%	4%
	South	34%	61%	6%
	West	29%	59%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	54%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	64%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	62%	8%
	College graduate	37%	59%	4%
Race	White	27%	69%	4%
	Non-white	48%	38%	13%
Age	18 to 29	43%	40%	16%
	30 to 44	31%	60%	8%
	45 to 59	29%	69%	2%
	60 or older	33%	61%	6%
Age	Under 45	37%	51%	12%
	45 or older	31%	65%	4%
Gender	Men	30%	65%	5%
	Women	36%	56%	8%
Marital Status	Married	27%	70%	4%
	Not married	40%	50%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	67%	4%
	Cell phone	39%	50%	11%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=498 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
February 2014	33%	60%	7%
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

		National Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Democratic Party?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		43%	53%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	82%	16%	2%
	Republican	8%	91%	1%
	Independent	35%	56%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	90%	10%	1%
	Soft Democrats	68%	28%	4%
	Just Independents	31%	50%	20%
	Soft Republicans	9%	86%	6%
	Strong Republicans	5%	94%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	81%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	71%	27%	2%
	Moderate	46%	47%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	24%	73%	3%
Region	Northeast	46%	50%	4%
	Midwest	44%	51%	5%
	South	40%	56%	5%
	West	44%	53%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	49%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	53%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	53%	4%
	College graduate	44%	52%	4%
Race	White	37%	58%	5%
	African American	82%	15%	2%
	Latino	46%	48%	5%
Age	18 to 29	52%	43%	5%
	30 to 44	46%	47%	7%
	45 to 59	38%	58%	4%
	60 or older	41%	56%	3%
Age	Under 45	49%	45%	6%
	45 or older	40%	57%	4%
Gender	Men	38%	59%	3%
	Women	48%	47%	6%
Marital Status	Married	36%	60%	4%
	Not married	50%	45%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	39%	58%	3%
	Cell phone	50%	43%	7%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=970
 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		46%	44%	4%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	88%	7%	2%	3%
	Republican	1%	96%	1%	2%
	Independent	43%	40%	8%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	95%	2%	2%	2%
	Soft Democrats	83%	9%	3%	6%
	Just Independents	28%	31%	17%	24%
	Soft Republicans	4%	87%	6%	4%
	Strong Republicans	1%	98%	0%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		18%	75%	4%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	83%	10%	4%	3%
	Moderate	49%	37%	6%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	71%	4%	4%
Region	Northeast	54%	34%	6%	6%
	Midwest	47%	42%	4%	6%
	South	42%	49%	4%	5%
	West	47%	47%	3%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	34%	4%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	49%	4%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	45%	3%	6%
	College graduate	47%	43%	6%	4%
Race	White	39%	51%	4%	6%
	African American	84%	10%	4%	2%
	Latino	60%	32%	5%	3%
Age	18 to 29	67%	25%	5%	3%
	30 to 44	50%	40%	5%	5%
	45 to 59	39%	53%	3%	5%
	60 or older	42%	46%	5%	7%
Age	Under 45	58%	33%	5%	4%
	45 or older	40%	50%	4%	6%
Gender	Men	41%	48%	6%	5%
	Women	51%	41%	3%	5%
Marital Status	Married	36%	54%	4%	6%
	Not married	58%	34%	5%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	49%	4%	5%
	Cell phone	54%	35%	5%	6%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		33%	64%	3%
National Registered Voters		31%	66%	2%
Party Identification^	Democrat	57%	39%	4%
	Republican	8%	91%	0%
	Independent	26%	72%	2%
Tea Party Supporters^		14%	85%	0%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	51%	47%	2%
	Moderate	36%	60%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	15%	84%	1%
Region	Northeast	39%	55%	6%
	Midwest	34%	66%	1%
	South	29%	68%	3%
	West	34%	64%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	63%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	65%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	68%	2%
	College graduate	36%	59%	5%
Race	White	25%	73%	3%
	Non-white	51%	45%	4%
Age	18 to 29	43%	57%	0%
	30 to 44	33%	61%	6%
	45 to 59	31%	68%	1%
Age	60 or older	24%	72%	5%
	Under 45	39%	58%	3%
Gender	45 or older	27%	70%	3%
	Men	35%	63%	3%
Marital Status	Women	31%	66%	3%
	Married	26%	72%	2%
Interview Type	Not married	38%	58%	4%
	Landline	27%	69%	3%
	Cell phone	41%	57%	2%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=587 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters Split Sample: n=477 MOE +/- 4.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	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 %
February 13, 2014	33%	64%	3%
February 5, 2014	30%	63%	8%
December 2013	30%	66%	4%
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%
January 2001	56%	32%	12%
Marist Poll National Adults			