

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: NBC News/WSJ/Marist National Poll of 760 Adults**

This survey of 760 adults was conducted July 28<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. 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  $\pm 3.6$  percentage points. There are 634 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.9$  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 |                                 | 83%             | 100%                       |
| Party Identification       | Democrat                        | n/a             | 32%                        |
|                            | Republican                      | n/a             | 28%                        |
|                            | Independent                     | n/a             | 39%                        |
|                            | Other                           | n/a             | 1%                         |
| Party Identification       | Strong Democrats                | n/a             | 19%                        |
|                            | Not strong Democrats            | n/a             | 13%                        |
|                            | Democratic leaning independents | n/a             | 13%                        |
|                            | Just Independents               | n/a             | 11%                        |
|                            | Republican leaning independents | n/a             | 14%                        |
|                            | Not strong Republicans          | n/a             | 10%                        |
|                            | Strong Republicans              | n/a             | 18%                        |
| Political Ideology         | Other                           | n/a             | 1%                         |
|                            | Very liberal                    | n/a             | 8%                         |
|                            | Liberal                         | n/a             | 14%                        |
|                            | Moderate                        | n/a             | 33%                        |
|                            | Conservative                    | n/a             | 32%                        |
| Tea Party Supporters       | Very conservative               | n/a             | 13%                        |
|                            |                                 | n/a             | 25%                        |
| Gender                     | Men                             | 49%             | 48%                        |
|                            | Women                           | 51%             | 52%                        |
| Age                        | Under 45                        | 45%             | 41%                        |
|                            | 45 or older                     | 55%             | 59%                        |
| Age                        | 18 to 29                        | 22%             | 18%                        |
|                            | 30 to 44                        | 23%             | 23%                        |
|                            | 45 to 59                        | 27%             | 28%                        |
|                            | 60 or older                     | 28%             | 31%                        |
| Race                       | White                           | 65%             | 69%                        |
|                            | African American                | 13%             | 12%                        |
|                            | Latino                          | 15%             | 12%                        |
|                            | Other                           | 7%              | 7%                         |
| Region                     | Northeast                       | 18%             | 18%                        |
|                            | Midwest                         | 22%             | 24%                        |
|                            | South                           | 37%             | 35%                        |
|                            | West                            | 23%             | 23%                        |
| Household Income           | Less than \$50,000              | 50%             | 46%                        |
|                            | \$50,000 or more                | 50%             | 54%                        |
| Education                  | Not college graduate            | 62%             | 59%                        |
|                            | College graduate                | 38%             | 41%                        |
| Interview Type             | Landline                        | 51%             | 54%                        |
|                            | Cell phone                      | 49%             | 46%                        |

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National Registered Voters: n=634 MOE +/- 3.9 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## NBC News/WSJ/Marist Poll National Tables

|                            |                                | National Adults   |              |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|
|                            |                                | When it comes to the current conflict in the Middle East, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians? |              |        |
|                            |                                | Israelis  | Palestinians | Unsure |
|                            |                                | Row %   | Row %        | Row %  |
| National Adults            |                                | 43%   | 14%          | 43%    |
| National Registered Voters |                                | 46%   | 14%          | 40%    |
| Party Identification^      | Democrat                       | 35%   | 18%          | 46%    |
|                            | Republican                     | 66%   | 7%           | 27%    |
|                            | Independent                    | 39%   | 15%          | 46%    |
| Party Identification*      | Strong Democrats               | 35%   | 18%          | 47%    |
|                            | Soft Democrats                 | 32%   | 20%          | 48%    |
|                            | Just Independents              | 14%   | 14%          | 72%    |
|                            | Soft Republicans               | 65%   | 9%           | 26%    |
|                            | Strong Republicans             | 71%   | 6%           | 23%    |
| Tea Party Supporters^      |                                | 68%   | 10%          | 23%    |
| Political Ideology^        | Very liberal-Liberal           | 26%   | 32%          | 43%    |
|                            | Moderate                       | 45%   | 10%          | 45%    |
|                            | Conservative-Very conservative | 58%   | 7%           | 34%    |
| Region                     | Northeast                      | 33%   | 18%          | 50%    |
|                            | Midwest                        | 43%   | 16%          | 41%    |
|                            | South                          | 47%   | 11%          | 43%    |
|                            | West                           | 46%   | 14%          | 40%    |
| Household Income           | Less than \$50,000             | 41%   | 13%          | 46%    |
|                            | \$50,000 or more               | 49%   | 14%          | 37%    |
| Education                  | Not college graduate           | 40%   | 12%          | 48%    |
|                            | College graduate               | 48%   | 17%          | 35%    |
| Race                       | White                          | 49%   | 14%          | 37%    |
|                            | African American               | 26%   | 21%          | 52%    |
|                            | Latino                         | 37%   | 4%           | 59%    |
| Age                        | 18 to 29                       | 27%   | 24%          | 49%    |
|                            | 30 to 44                       | 39%   | 14%          | 47%    |
|                            | 45 to 59                       | 45%   | 10%          | 45%    |
|                            | 60 or older                    | 59%   | 8%           | 33%    |
| Age                        | Under 45                       | 33%   | 19%          | 48%    |
|                            | 45 or older                    | 52%   | 9%           | 39%    |
| Gender                     | Men                            | 42%   | 18%          | 40%    |
|                            | Women                          | 44%   | 10%          | 46%    |
| Interview Type             | Landline                       | 50%   | 11%          | 39%    |
|                            | Cell phone                     | 36%   | 17%          | 47%    |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------|--------|
|                            |                                | When it comes to the current conflict in the Middle East, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with Hamas? |       |        |
|                            |                                | Israelis   | Hamas | Unsure |
|                            |                                | Row %  | Row % | Row %  |
| National Adults            |                                | 54%  | 7%    | 39%    |
| National Registered Voters |                                | 56%  | 6%    | 38%    |
| Party Identification^      | Democrat                       | 46%  | 10%   | 44%    |
|                            | Republican                     | 73%  | 4%    | 23%    |
|                            | Independent                    | 51%  | 5%    | 43%    |
| Party Identification*      | Strong Democrats               | 46%  | 10%   | 44%    |
|                            | Soft Democrats                 | 46%  | 5%    | 49%    |
|                            | Just Independents              | 26%  | 8%    | 66%    |
|                            | Soft Republicans               | 75%  | 6%    | 20%    |
|                            | Strong Republicans             | 74%  | 4%    | 22%    |
| Tea Party Supporters^      |                                | 71%  | 7%    | 22%    |
| Political Ideology^        | Very liberal-Liberal           | 46%  | 12%   | 42%    |
|                            | Moderate                       | 54%  | 3%    | 43%    |
|                            | Conservative-Very conservative | 64%  | 4%    | 32%    |
| Region                     | Northeast                      | 45%  | 8%    | 47%    |
|                            | Midwest                        | 50%  | 10%   | 40%    |
|                            | South                          | 57%  | 5%    | 39%    |
|                            | West                           | 61%  | 6%    | 33%    |
| Household Income           | Less than \$50,000             | 50%  | 8%    | 42%    |
|                            | \$50,000 or more               | 62%  | 4%    | 34%    |
| Education                  | Not college graduate           | 52%  | 7%    | 41%    |
|                            | College graduate               | 58%  | 6%    | 36%    |
| Race                       | White                          | 61%  | 5%    | 35%    |
|                            | African American               | 34%  | 18%   | 48%    |
|                            | Latino                         | 51%  | 1%    | 49%    |
| Age                        | 18 to 29                       | 41%  | 17%   | 42%    |
|                            | 30 to 44                       | 49%  | 5%    | 46%    |
|                            | 45 to 59                       | 57%  | 5%    | 39%    |
|                            | 60 or older                    | 67%  | 2%    | 31%    |
| Age                        | Under 45                       | 45%  | 11%   | 44%    |
|                            | 45 or older                    | 62%  | 3%    | 35%    |
| Gender                     | Men                            | 56%  | 6%    | 38%    |
|                            | Women                          | 52%  | 7%    | 41%    |
| Interview Type             | Landline                       | 60%  | 3%    | 36%    |
|                            | Cell phone                     | 48%  | 10%   | 42%    |

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|                            |                                | National Adults  |          |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------|--------|
|                            |                                | Do you believe that the <Palestinians and Israelis / Israelis and Palestinians> will or will not be able to form a lasting peace agreement that will work? |          |        |
|                            |                                | Will   | Will not | Unsure |
|                            |                                | Row %  | Row %    | Row %  |
| National Adults            |                                | 23%  | 62%      | 15%    |
| National Registered Voters |                                | 22%  | 63%      | 15%    |
| Party Identification^      | Democrat                       | 28%  | 53%      | 19%    |
|                            | Republican                     | 16%  | 71%      | 13%    |
|                            | Independent                    | 21%  | 66%      | 12%    |
| Party Identification*      | Strong Democrats               | 32%  | 53%      | 15%    |
|                            | Soft Democrats                 | 24%  | 60%      | 16%    |
|                            | Just Independents              | 20%  | 59%      | 21%    |
|                            | Soft Republicans               | 17%  | 73%      | 10%    |
|                            | Strong Republicans             | 16%  | 69%      | 15%    |
| Tea Party Supporters^      |                                | 18%  | 64%      | 17%    |
| Political Ideology^        | Very liberal-Liberal           | 28%  | 65%      | 8%     |
|                            | Moderate                       | 24%  | 60%      | 15%    |
|                            | Conservative-Very conservative | 18%  | 66%      | 16%    |
| Region                     | Northeast                      | 23%  | 57%      | 20%    |
|                            | Midwest                        | 15%  | 71%      | 14%    |
|                            | South                          | 27%  | 57%      | 16%    |
|                            | West                           | 24%  | 65%      | 11%    |
| Household Income           | Less than \$50,000             | 27%  | 59%      | 14%    |
|                            | \$50,000 or more               | 22%  | 66%      | 12%    |
| Education                  | Not college graduate           | 22%  | 61%      | 17%    |
|                            | College graduate               | 25%  | 63%      | 12%    |
| Race                       | White                          | 20%  | 67%      | 13%    |
|                            | African American               | 35%  | 45%      | 19%    |
|                            | Latino                         | 25%  | 58%      | 17%    |
| Age                        | 18 to 29                       | 28%  | 50%      | 22%    |
|                            | 30 to 44                       | 31%  | 60%      | 10%    |
|                            | 45 to 59                       | 18%  | 65%      | 17%    |
|                            | 60 or older                    | 17%  | 72%      | 11%    |
| Age                        | Under 45                       | 29%  | 55%      | 16%    |
|                            | 45 or older                    | 18%  | 68%      | 14%    |
| Gender                     | Men                            | 25%  | 61%      | 14%    |
|                            | Women                          | 21%  | 62%      | 16%    |
| Interview Type             | Landline                       | 18%  | 68%      | 14%    |
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|                            |                                | National Adults   |                     |                       |                   |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
|                            |                                | Do you believe Congress has been very productive, somewhat productive, somewhat unproductive, or very unproductive this year? |                     |                       |                   |        |
|                            |                                | Very productive   | Somewhat productive | Somewhat unproductive | Very unproductive | Unsure |
|                            |                                | Row %   | Row %               | Row %                 | Row %             | Row %  |
| National Adults            |                                | 3%  | 20%                 | 25%                   | 47%               | 5%     |
| National Registered Voters |                                | 3%  | 19%                 | 24%                   | 50%               | 5%     |
| Party Identification^      | Democrat                       | 3%  | 21%                 | 18%                   | 53%               | 6%     |
|                            | Republican                     | 2%  | 22%                 | 29%                   | 44%               | 3%     |
|                            | Independent                    | 3%  | 17%                 | 25%                   | 52%               | 3%     |
| Party Identification*      | Strong Democrats               | 2%  | 18%                 | 16%                   | 60%               | 4%     |
|                            | Soft Democrats                 | 3%  | 20%                 | 26%                   | 45%               | 6%     |
|                            | Just Independents              | 0%  | 25%                 | 18%                   | 51%               | 7%     |
|                            | Soft Republicans               | 4%  | 16%                 | 28%                   | 51%               | 2%     |
|                            | Strong Republicans             | 3%  | 21%                 | 30%                   | 44%               | 2%     |
| Tea Party Supporters^      |                                | 2%  | 26%                 | 21%                   | 47%               | 4%     |
| Political Ideology^        | Very liberal-Liberal           | 5%  | 16%                 | 12%                   | 64%               | 3%     |
|                            | Moderate                       | 2%  | 15%                 | 30%                   | 50%               | 3%     |
|                            | Conservative-Very conservative | 2%  | 22%                 | 25%                   | 46%               | 5%     |
| Region                     | Northeast                      | 2%  | 21%                 | 32%                   | 39%               | 7%     |
|                            | Midwest                        | 4%  | 19%                 | 21%                   | 51%               | 5%     |
|                            | South                          | 4%  | 22%                 | 22%                   | 47%               | 5%     |
|                            | West                           | 2%  | 18%                 | 27%                   | 49%               | 3%     |
| Household Income           | Less than \$50,000             | 4%  | 26%                 | 24%                   | 40%               | 5%     |
|                            | \$50,000 or more               | 2%  | 17%                 | 26%                   | 53%               | 2%     |
| Education                  | Not college graduate           | 4%  | 23%                 | 24%                   | 43%               | 6%     |
|                            | College graduate               | 3%  | 16%                 | 25%                   | 54%               | 3%     |
| Race                       | White                          | 2%  | 16%                 | 26%                   | 52%               | 5%     |
|                            | African American               | 6%  | 36%                 | 19%                   | 37%               | 2%     |
|                            | Latino                         | 7%  | 26%                 | 27%                   | 32%               | 7%     |
| Age                        | 18 to 29                       | 4%  | 32%                 | 38%                   | 20%               | 7%     |
|                            | 30 to 44                       | 2%  | 22%                 | 23%                   | 47%               | 6%     |
|                            | 45 to 59                       | 4%  | 14%                 | 20%                   | 59%               | 3%     |
|                            | 60 or older                    | 2%  | 16%                 | 19%                   | 59%               | 4%     |
| Age                        | Under 45                       | 3%  | 27%                 | 30%                   | 33%               | 6%     |
|                            | 45 or older                    | 3%  | 15%                 | 19%                   | 59%               | 4%     |
| Gender                     | Men                            | 5%  | 21%                 | 24%                   | 45%               | 5%     |
|                            | Women                          | 2%  | 19%                 | 26%                   | 48%               | 5%     |
| Interview Type             | Landline                       | 3%  | 16%                 | 24%                   | 55%               | 2%     |
|                            | Cell phone                     | 4%  | 24%                 | 26%                   | 38%               | 7%     |

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|                            |                                | National Adults  |   |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--------|
|                            |                                | Do you want to see the Congressional Republicans stay in the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, or do you want to see the Congressional Democrats in the majority? |   |        |
|                            |                                | Congressional<br>Republicans in the<br>majority  | Congressional<br>Democrats in the<br>majority | Unsure |
|                            |                                | Row %  | Row %   | Row %  |
| National Adults            |                                | 41%  | 42%   | 17%    |
| National Registered Voters |                                | 43%  | 41%   | 16%    |
| Party Identification^      | Democrat                       | 5%   | 85%   | 10%    |
|                            | Republican                     | 92%  | 4%  | 4%     |
|                            | Independent                    | 38%  | 34%   | 28%    |
| Party Identification*      | Strong Democrats               | 0%   | 97%   | 3%     |
|                            | Soft Democrats                 | 9%   | 68%   | 23%    |
|                            | Just Independents              | 22%  | 24%   | 54%    |
|                            | Soft Republicans               | 83%  | 7%  | 10%    |
|                            | Strong Republicans             | 94%  | 4%  | 2%     |
| Tea Party Supporters^      |                                | 72%  | 17%   | 11%    |
| Political Ideology^        | Very liberal-Liberal           | 12%  | 78%   | 11%    |
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|                            | College graduate               | 42%  | 44%   | 14%    |
| Race                       | White                          | 52%  | 33%   | 15%    |
|                            | African American               | 3%   | 81%   | 15%    |
|                            | Latino                         | 34%  | 43%   | 22%    |
| Age                        | 18 to 29                       | 31%  | 50%   | 19%    |
|                            | 30 to 44                       | 44%  | 38%   | 18%    |
|                            | 45 to 59                       | 43%  | 40%   | 17%    |
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|                            | Women                          | 41%  | 46%   | 13%    |
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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------|
|                            |                                | Do you want to see the Senate Democrats stay in the majority in the U.S. Senate, or do you want to see the Senate Republicans in the majority? |                                    |        |
|                            |                                | Senate Democrats in the majority   | Senate Republicans in the majority | Unsure |
|                            |                                | Row %  | Row %                              | Row %  |
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| Party Identification*      | Strong Democrats               | 96%  | 1%                                 | 3%     |
|                            | Soft Democrats                 | 70%  | 9%                                 | 21%    |
|                            | Just Independents              | 21%  | 25%                                | 53%    |
|                            | Soft Republicans               | 11%  | 83%                                | 6%     |
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| Tea Party Supporters^      | 13%                            | 75%  | 12%                                |        |
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|                            | South                          | 40%  | 41%                                | 19%    |
|                            | West                           | 43%  | 41%                                | 16%    |
| Household Income           | Less than \$50,000             | 43%  | 42%                                | 14%    |
|                            | \$50,000 or more               | 45%  | 42%                                | 14%    |
| Education                  | Not college graduate           | 41%  | 42%                                | 17%    |
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