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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

National Leaders Strike Out with Voters as Mids Approach

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Fueled by his lowest approval rating in handling foreign policy and numbers that are barely higher for his handling of the economy, President Obama's overall approval rating remains upside down with only four in ten registered voters nationally giving him a positive score. Although his job performance continues to be viewed positively by Democrats and negatively by Republicans, his approval from independent voters has declined from a previous poll conducted in April. President Obama's favorability rating, overall, has also declined from that poll, and is now under water.

But, Americans could be uttering Casey Stengel's baseball refrain, "Can't anybody here play this game?" Ratings for both the Republicans and Democrats in Congress are even substantially below those of President Obama. The GOP matches its lowest score, and the Democrats are pretty much stuck at the low approval rating they've had for some time.

Although the GOP is now favored over the Democrats in the so-called "generic ballot" test owing to independent voters, this reversal of fortune from the April survey does not automatically convert into a "wave" election for the Republicans. Fewer than three in ten voters indicate that their impression of President Obama, despite his low numbers, will be a major factor in deciding their vote for Congress this November.

In fact, these poll numbers point to the failings of both political parties to address public concerns. The proportion of voters who now consider themselves to be independent represents nearly half of the electorate and is at an all-time high.

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The bottom line: this gloomy national view all adds up to, by greater than two to one, Americans thinking the country is headed down the wrong track.

“With neither political party having an upper hand with voters, expect a scramble for votes as the mid-term elections approach,” says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. “Don’t expect candidates to echo Johnny Mercer’s 1940’s lyrics, ‘Accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative.’”

Poll Points

- President Obama is at his lowest point with voters for his handling of foreign policy. Only 33% of registered voters nationally rate the job President Obama is doing in this area positively. 61% disapprove, giving him his highest negative score to date.
- With respect to two of the major hot spots internationally, Ukraine and the conflict between Israel and Hamas, less than one-third of the nation’s voters approve of the president’s handling of these crises. Only 30% believe the president is performing well with regard to the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Similarly, just 32% score the president well when it comes to his policy with Ukraine.
- President Obama does not score much more confidence from voters when it comes to the economy. 39% rate the job he is doing positively, and 58% rate him negatively.
- Overall, 40% of registered voters approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as president. The president’s support among independent voters has waned since last spring.
- President Obama’s favorability rating has declined from 49% in April to 43% currently and is upside down.
- Congress fares even less well. The congressional Republicans are back to their lowest approval rating with 22%. Democrats remain unpopular and are still at 32%.

Party Politics

The Republicans edge the Democrats by five points, 43% to 38%, on the national generic ballot for the mid-term congressional elections. This is a reversal from April when the Democrats topped the GOP, 48% to 42%. Democrats’ support among independents has eroded since last spring, going from 43% to 26% now. Interestingly, the GOP has not been the beneficiary of the Democrats’ loss of support from independents. They have remained at 40% in both polls. The proportion of independents who are undecided or not backing either party has doubled since April.

- When considering their impression of President Obama, voters are more likely to back Republicans, 42%, than to support Democrats, 32%.
- But, how much do voters’ impressions of President Obama count toward their vote in November? 52% say President Obama is not a factor at all in deciding their vote, including 61% of independents, 49% of Democrats, and even 40% of Republicans. Another 17% of registered voters view Obama as a minor factor in their decision. 29% of voters see the president as a major factor when making their choice this fall. 42% of Republicans, 28% of

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Democrats, and 22% of independents share this view.

- Talk of impeachment is a turnoff for voters. 69% do not think Congress should begin impeachment proceedings against the president. 91% of Democrats, 69% of independents, and even 48% of Republicans have this view.
- Discussion of impeachment tips the scales in favor of the Democrats. Voters are more inclined to vote Democratic, 43%, than to back Republicans, 38%, in November.
- Similarly, suing President Obama is viewed unfavorably by 58% of voters, including 87% of Democrats and 55% of independents. A majority of Republicans, 57%, want to go forward with this action, and 34% do not.
- Suing the president also moves the electorate towards voting for the Democrats, 42% to 37%, over the Republicans in November.
- Party politics in Washington has chased voters from both parties. 45% of voters, a record high, describe themselves as independent and not aligned with either party.

Wrong Course

64% of Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, and only 28% describe it as on the right track. This is the lowest optimism measure since the fall of 2011 and is appreciably lower than it was during the fall of 2010.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,035 Adults

This survey of 1,035 adults was conducted August 4th through August 7th, 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 ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 806 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 Registered Voters	
		Col %	Col %	
National Adults		100%		
National Registered Voters		78%	100%	
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	28%	
	Republican	n/a	25%	
	Independent	n/a	45%	
	Other	n/a	2%	
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	17%	
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	11%	
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%	
	Just Independents	n/a	12%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	18%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	10%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	15%	
	Other	n/a	2%	
	Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	6%
		Liberal	n/a	16%
Moderate		n/a	36%	
Conservative		n/a	30%	
Very conservative		n/a	11%	
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	26%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	40%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	60%	
Gender	Men	50%	48%	
	Women	50%	52%	
Age	Under 45	43%	36%	
	45 or older	57%	64%	
Age	18 to 29	21%	14%	
	30 to 44	21%	22%	
	45 to 59	30%	32%	
	60 or older	27%	32%	
Race	White	66%	71%	
	African American	13%	12%	
	Latino	14%	11%	
	Other	7%	6%	
Region	Northeast	18%	18%	
	Midwest	22%	21%	
	South	37%	37%	
	West	23%	23%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	46%	
	\$50,000 or more	50%	54%	
Education	Not college graduate	59%	54%	
	College graduate	41%	46%	
Marital Status	Married	50%	55%	
	Not married	50%	45%	
Interview Type	Landline	56%	61%	
	Cell phone	44%	39%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted August 4th through August 7th, 2014, n=1035 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=806 MOE +/- 3.5 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		40%	52%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	80%	14%	6%
	Republican	7%	88%	6%
	Independent	35%	53%	11%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	89%	8%	3%
	Soft Democrats	65%	23%	11%
	Just Independents	23%	54%	23%
	Soft Republicans	17%	76%	7%
	Strong Republicans	5%	94%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	81%	6%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	9%	88%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	16%	79%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	77%	16%	6%
	Moderate	42%	45%	13%
	Conservative-Very conservative	16%	79%	5%
Region	Northeast	50%	47%	3%
	Midwest	42%	48%	11%
	South	37%	55%	8%
	West	34%	55%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	51%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	53%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	56%	10%
	College graduate	47%	48%	5%
Race	White	33%	60%	7%
	African American	79%	9%	12%
	Latino	34%	46%	20%
Age	18 to 29	42%	39%	20%
	30 to 44	44%	49%	7%
	45 to 59	35%	58%	7%
	60 or older	39%	55%	6%
Age	Under 45	43%	45%	12%
	45 or older	37%	56%	6%
Gender	Men	38%	53%	9%
	Women	41%	51%	8%
Marital Status	Married	33%	60%	6%
	Not married	46%	43%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	57%	6%
	Cell phone	42%	45%	13%

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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.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
August 2014	40%	52%	8%
July 2014	40%	49%	11%
April 2014	45%	52%	3%
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			

		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%	68%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	13%	81%	5%
	Republican	45%	39%	15%
	Independent	17%	73%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		37%	51%	12%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	47%	41%	12%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	35%	54%	11%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	13%	85%	2%
	Moderate	13%	79%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	35%	49%	16%
Region	Northeast	20%	74%	6%
	Midwest	24%	66%	10%
	South	23%	67%	11%
	West	21%	67%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	63%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	19%	72%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	24%	63%	14%
	College graduate	19%	75%	6%
Race	White	21%	68%	11%
	Non-white	26%	66%	8%
Age	Under 45	27%	62%	11%
	45 or older	19%	72%	9%
Gender	Men	23%	69%	8%
	Women	21%	68%	11%
Marital Status	Married	20%	70%	10%
	Not married	25%	65%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	22%	69%	10%
	Cell phone	23%	67%	10%

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	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2014	22%	68%	10%
April 2014	26%	69%	5%
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			

		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		32%	59%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	67%	27%	7%
	Republican	8%	86%	6%
	Independent	24%	63%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		9%	82%	9%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	6%	89%	5%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	12%	81%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	50%	39%	11%
	Moderate	35%	56%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	74%	8%
Region	Northeast	33%	59%	8%
	Midwest	35%	55%	10%
	South	36%	54%	10%
	West	23%	69%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%	52%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	63%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	60%	10%
	College graduate	34%	57%	9%
Race	White	22%	67%	11%
	Non-white	57%	38%	5%
Age	Under 45	35%	53%	11%
	45 or older	30%	62%	8%
Gender	Men	32%	59%	9%
	Women	32%	58%	9%
Marital Status	Married	26%	65%	10%
	Not married	39%	51%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	59%	9%
	Cell phone	32%	58%	10%

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	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2014	32%	59%	9%
April 2014	32%	63%	5%
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			

		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		39%	58%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	76%	19%	5%
	Republican	7%	91%	3%
	Independent	39%	58%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	86%	0%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	9%	91%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	19%	78%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	70%	27%	3%
	Moderate	47%	49%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	15%	83%	2%
Region	Northeast	47%	52%	1%
	Midwest	42%	54%	4%
	South	32%	65%	3%
	West	44%	51%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%	58%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	57%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	65%	4%
	College graduate	47%	52%	1%
Race	White	32%	64%	4%
	Non-white	53%	45%	1%
Age	Under 45	45%	52%	3%
	45 or older	35%	62%	3%
Gender	Men	38%	59%	3%
	Women	41%	56%	4%
Marital Status	Married	36%	62%	2%
	Not married	42%	54%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	35%	62%	3%
	Cell phone	47%	49%	4%

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	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2014	39%	58%	3%
April 2014	44%	54%	2%
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			

		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		33%	61%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	65%	28%	8%
	Republican	8%	87%	4%
	Independent	31%	64%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	87%	1%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	4%	96%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	13%	82%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	68%	28%	4%
	Moderate	39%	53%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	10%	86%	5%
Region	Northeast	41%	57%	2%
	Midwest	37%	56%	8%
	South	28%	65%	7%
	West	33%	63%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	31%	64%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	61%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	67%	7%
	College graduate	40%	56%	4%
Race	White	30%	66%	5%
	Non-white	38%	52%	9%
Age	Under 45	38%	58%	4%
	45 or older	30%	64%	6%
Gender	Men	30%	66%	4%
	Women	36%	56%	7%
Marital Status	Married	30%	65%	5%
	Not married	38%	56%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	63%	5%
	Cell phone	35%	59%	6%

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	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2014	33%	61%	6%
July 2014	37%	53%	10%
April 2014	42%	52%	6%
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			

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the conflict between Israel and Hamas?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		30%	55%	16%
Party Identification	Democrat	62%	27%	11%
	Republican	9%	78%	14%
	Independent	24%	60%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		10%	81%	9%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	3%	90%	7%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	16%	66%	17%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	50%	35%	15%
	Moderate	40%	45%	16%
	Conservative-Very conservative	10%	74%	16%
Region	Northeast	36%	54%	10%
	Midwest	30%	50%	19%
	South	27%	55%	18%
	West	28%	60%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	56%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	57%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	24%	58%	18%
	College graduate	36%	51%	13%
Race	White	28%	56%	15%
	Non-white	34%	52%	15%
Age	Under 45	31%	53%	17%
	45 or older	28%	58%	14%
Gender	Men	26%	63%	11%
	Women	33%	47%	19%
Marital Status	Married	26%	58%	16%
	Not married	34%	51%	15%
Interview Type	Landline	28%	57%	14%
	Cell phone	32%	51%	17%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the conflict in Ukraine?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		32%	51%	17%
Party Identification	Democrat	62%	25%	13%
	Republican	16%	71%	13%
	Independent	24%	54%	21%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	73%	15%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	9%	82%	9%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	17%	62%	21%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	59%	26%	15%
	Moderate	31%	46%	22%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	68%	15%
Region	Northeast	36%	53%	11%
	Midwest	34%	46%	20%
	South	29%	56%	15%
	West	32%	44%	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	53%	19%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	51%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	52%	21%
	College graduate	38%	49%	13%
Race	White	30%	55%	16%
	Non-white	36%	43%	21%
Age	Under 45	28%	51%	21%
	45 or older	34%	53%	14%
Gender	Men	30%	56%	14%
	Women	34%	46%	20%
Marital Status	Married	31%	53%	16%
	Not married	33%	48%	19%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	54%	16%
	Cell phone	35%	46%	19%

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		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		43%	51%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	79%	13%	8%
	Republican	12%	86%	3%
	Independent	41%	52%	7%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	91%	6%	2%
	Soft Democrats	67%	23%	10%
	Just Independents	35%	52%	13%
	Soft Republicans	21%	75%	5%
	Strong Republicans	6%	93%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		16%	80%	3%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	14%	85%	1%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	17%	78%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	76%	20%	4%
	Moderate	51%	40%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	77%	5%
Region	Northeast	50%	44%	6%
	Midwest	44%	48%	8%
	South	41%	54%	5%
	West	40%	53%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	52%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	45%	50%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	55%	8%
	College graduate	50%	46%	4%
Race	White	35%	59%	6%
	African American	81%	12%	7%
	Latino	53%	41%	6%
Age	18 to 29	45%	37%	18%
	30 to 44	47%	48%	5%
	45 to 59	40%	56%	3%
	60 or older	40%	54%	6%
Age	Under 45	46%	44%	10%
	45 or older	40%	55%	4%
Gender	Men	41%	51%	8%
	Women	44%	50%	5%
Marital Status	Married	38%	57%	5%
	Not married	48%	43%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	54%	5%
	Cell phone	45%	46%	9%

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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.

	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2014	43%	51%	6%
April 2014	49%	49%	2%
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			

		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		28%	64%	8%
National Registered Voters		27%	66%	7%
Party Identification^	Democrat	56%	37%	8%
	Republican	8%	90%	2%
	Independent	21%	70%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	68%	26%	6%
	Soft Democrats	33%	58%	9%
	Just Independents	16%	68%	16%
	Soft Republicans	15%	80%	5%
	Strong Republicans	4%	96%	0%
Tea Party Supporters^		12%	85%	3%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	10%	89%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	12%	83%	4%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	47%	45%	9%
	Moderate	33%	56%	11%
	Conservative-Very conservative	11%	87%	2%
Region	Northeast	35%	56%	8%
	Midwest	27%	63%	10%
	South	27%	66%	8%
	West	25%	69%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	30%	64%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	65%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	26%	67%	8%
	College graduate	31%	61%	8%
Race	White	22%	72%	6%
	African American	53%	30%	16%
	Latino	30%	60%	11%
Age	18 to 29	33%	60%	7%
	30 to 44	31%	58%	10%
	45 to 59	24%	68%	8%
	60 or older	25%	69%	6%
Age	Under 45	32%	59%	9%
	45 or older	25%	68%	7%
Gender	Men	30%	63%	7%
	Women	26%	66%	8%
Marital Status	Married	22%	71%	7%
	Not married	34%	58%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	25%	67%	8%
	Cell phone	32%	60%	8%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted August 4th through August 7th, 2014, n=1035 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=806 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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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 %
August 2014	28%	64%	8%
April 2014	32%	64%	3%
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			

		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		38%	43%	6%	12%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	4%	2%	3%
	Republican	3%	92%	2%	4%
	Independent	26%	40%	12%	22%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	97%	1%	2%	0%
	Soft Democrats	73%	8%	8%	11%
	Just Independents	14%	25%	22%	40%
	Soft Republicans	5%	80%	3%	13%
	Strong Republicans	2%	94%	3%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	72%	4%	13%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	1%	89%	2%	8%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	5%	83%	2%	10%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	72%	10%	7%	11%
	Moderate	42%	35%	9%	14%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	69%	4%	11%
Region	Northeast	42%	44%	8%	7%
	Midwest	36%	42%	6%	17%
	South	38%	44%	6%	12%
	West	37%	43%	7%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	42%	6%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	43%	7%	14%
Education	Not college graduate	34%	45%	6%	14%
	College graduate	42%	41%	7%	10%
Race	White	34%	48%	6%	12%
	African American	64%	19%	1%	15%
	Latino	40%	38%	11%	11%
Age	18 to 29	39%	35%	11%	14%
	30 to 44	38%	44%	7%	11%
	45 to 59	34%	46%	5%	14%
	60 or older	41%	43%	5%	11%
Age	Under 45	39%	41%	9%	12%
	45 or older	37%	45%	5%	13%
Gender	Men	33%	43%	8%	16%
	Women	42%	43%	5%	9%
Marital Status	Married	32%	49%	6%	13%
	Not married	45%	37%	8%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	35%	45%	7%	13%
	Cell phone	42%	40%	6%	12%

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	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 %
August 2014	38%	43%	6%	12%
April 2014	48%	42%	4%	6%
February 2014	46%	44%	4%	5%
December 2013	43%	43%	6%	8%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters				

		National Registered Voters			
		Is your impression of President Obama a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor at all in deciding your vote for congress this November?			
		Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		29%	17%	52%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	28%	20%	49%	2%
	Republican	42%	14%	40%	4%
	Independent	22%	15%	61%	1%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	33%	17%	49%	1%
	Soft Democrats	17%	21%	60%	2%
	Just Independents	20%	12%	68%	1%
	Soft Republicans	27%	16%	55%	2%
	Strong Republicans	56%	13%	27%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		39%	20%	39%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	44%	17%	36%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	33%	14%	51%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	23%	16%	59%	2%
	Moderate	22%	21%	57%	0%
	Conservative-Very conservative	39%	14%	43%	4%
Region	Northeast	25%	19%	54%	2%
	Midwest	28%	14%	56%	2%
	South	34%	17%	47%	3%
	West	26%	18%	55%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	37%	13%	47%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	22%	57%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	35%	14%	48%	3%
	College graduate	23%	19%	57%	1%
Race	White	30%	18%	50%	3%
	African American	31%	7%	62%	0%
	Latino	26%	19%	53%	2%
Age	18 to 29	20%	22%	57%	1%
	30 to 44	26%	18%	54%	2%
	45 to 59	25%	19%	55%	1%
	60 or older	40%	12%	45%	4%
Age	Under 45	24%	20%	55%	1%
	45 or older	32%	15%	50%	2%
Gender	Men	26%	19%	54%	2%
	Women	33%	15%	50%	3%
Marital Status	Married	27%	17%	55%	1%
	Not married	32%	17%	48%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	33%	15%	49%	3%
	Cell phone	24%	19%	56%	2%

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		National Registered Voters			
		Does your impression of President Obama make you:			
		More likely to vote for a Republican for congress this November	More likely to vote for a Democrat for congress this November	No difference to vote	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		42%	32%	20%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	7%	77%	13%	3%
	Republican	81%	2%	15%	1%
	Independent	41%	22%	26%	10%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	3%	86%	9%	2%
	Soft Democrats	9%	59%	25%	7%
	Just Independents	29%	14%	38%	19%
	Soft Republicans	76%	2%	17%	4%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	83%	2%	13%	2%
	Support Tea Party	75%	8%	10%	6%
Republicans	Do Not Support Tea Party	89%	0%	7%	3%
		72%	3%	22%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	7%	63%	23%	6%
	Moderate	33%	33%	27%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	69%	14%	12%	5%
Region	Northeast	46%	35%	16%	3%
	Midwest	38%	30%	22%	9%
	South	42%	32%	19%	7%
	West	43%	30%	22%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	38%	14%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	28%	24%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	30%	16%	8%
	College graduate	38%	34%	24%	4%
Race	White	47%	27%	20%	6%
	African American	15%	61%	18%	6%
	Latino	42%	29%	18%	10%
Age	18 to 29	38%	31%	21%	10%
	30 to 44	37%	33%	25%	4%
	45 to 59	47%	26%	22%	6%
	60 or older	43%	36%	14%	7%
Age	Under 45	37%	32%	24%	7%
	45 or older	45%	31%	18%	6%
Gender	Men	43%	26%	23%	8%
	Women	41%	36%	18%	5%
Marital Status	Married	48%	25%	22%	5%
	Not married	35%	40%	17%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	30%	21%	5%
	Cell phone	40%	33%	19%	8%

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		National Registered Voters		
		Impeachment is the first step in the constitutional process for removing a president from office. Do you think Congress should or should not begin impeachment proceedings to remove President Obama from office?		
		Should begin impeachment proceedings	Should not begin impeachment proceedings	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		26%	69%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	6%	91%	2%
	Republican	45%	48%	8%
	Independent	26%	69%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	3%	96%	1%
	Soft Democrats	11%	86%	2%
	Just Independents	21%	68%	12%
	Soft Republicans	39%	55%	6%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	51%	42%	7%
	Tea Party Supporters	49%	46%	5%
	Republicans			
Republicans	Support Tea Party	52%	43%	5%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	36%	56%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	9%	89%	3%
	Moderate	15%	79%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	43%	49%	8%
Region	Northeast	19%	76%	5%
	Midwest	21%	74%	5%
	South	32%	62%	6%
	West	25%	68%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	64%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	20%	75%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	58%	8%
	College graduate	16%	80%	3%
Race	White	27%	67%	6%
	African American	4%	92%	4%
	Latino	35%	57%	9%
Age	18 to 29	27%	66%	7%
	30 to 44	25%	68%	8%
	45 to 59	24%	72%	4%
	60 or older	27%	67%	6%
Age	Under 45	26%	67%	7%
	45 or older	25%	69%	5%
Gender	Men	24%	70%	6%
	Women	27%	67%	6%
Marital Status	Married	28%	66%	6%
	Not married	22%	71%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	26%	69%	5%
	Cell phone	24%	69%	7%

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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.

		National Registered Voters			
		If the Republicans in Congress begin impeachment proceedings against President Obama are you:			
		More likely to vote for a Republican for congress this November	More likely to vote for a Democrat for congress this November	No difference to vote	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		38%	43%	14%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	8%	85%	5%	2%
	Republican	78%	8%	11%	2%
	Independent	32%	39%	20%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	6%	91%	2%	0%
	Soft Democrats	5%	83%	8%	4%
	Just Independents	25%	21%	39%	15%
	Soft Republicans	65%	12%	15%	8%
	Strong Republicans	82%	7%	10%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		70%	14%	12%	4%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	84%	4%	9%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	62%	15%	17%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	13%	74%	11%	2%
	Moderate	27%	49%	18%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	60%	21%	13%	7%
Region	Northeast	39%	49%	8%	4%
	Midwest	34%	45%	13%	8%
	South	38%	41%	15%	5%
	West	38%	40%	17%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	48%	8%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	41%	17%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	39%	13%	7%
	College graduate	32%	47%	16%	4%
Race	White	41%	38%	15%	6%
	African American	11%	74%	13%	3%
	Latino	39%	41%	16%	4%
Age	18 to 29	30%	48%	14%	8%
	30 to 44	36%	43%	17%	5%
	45 to 59	39%	40%	17%	4%
	60 or older	40%	44%	10%	6%
Age	Under 45	34%	45%	16%	6%
	45 or older	40%	42%	13%	5%
Gender	Men	39%	40%	16%	5%
	Women	36%	46%	12%	6%
Marital Status	Married	42%	36%	16%	6%
	Not married	31%	50%	13%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	40%	16%	6%
	Cell phone	36%	47%	11%	5%

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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.

		National Registered Voters		
		The Republicans in Congress are talking about suing President Obama over an executive order he issued to delay part of the health care law. Do you think congress should or should not sue President Obama?		
		Should sue President Obama	Should not sue President Obama	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		34%	58%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	8%	87%	5%
	Republican	57%	34%	9%
	Independent	35%	55%	10%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	4%	93%	3%
	Soft Democrats	15%	80%	5%
	Just Independents	33%	47%	20%
	Soft Republicans	49%	44%	7%
	Strong Republicans	63%	25%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		64%	27%	9%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	69%	26%	5%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	43%	45%	12%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	15%	79%	6%
	Moderate	22%	67%	11%
	Conservative-Very conservative	54%	38%	8%
Region	Northeast	29%	64%	8%
	Midwest	36%	57%	7%
	South	34%	58%	8%
	West	36%	54%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	55%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	61%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	48%	10%
	College graduate	24%	69%	7%
Race	White	36%	54%	10%
	African American	10%	87%	3%
	Latino	41%	52%	7%
Age	18 to 29	33%	54%	12%
	30 to 44	31%	58%	11%
	45 to 59	35%	59%	6%
	60 or older	35%	57%	8%
Age	Under 45	32%	57%	11%
	45 or older	35%	58%	7%
Gender	Men	35%	57%	8%
	Women	33%	59%	9%
Marital Status	Married	35%	57%	8%
	Not married	33%	58%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	34%	58%	8%
	Cell phone	33%	58%	9%

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		National Registered Voters			
		If the Republicans in Congress sue President Obama are you:			
		More likely to vote for a Republican for congress this November	More likely to vote for a Democrat for congress this November	No difference to vote	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		37%	42%	14%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	5%	88%	4%	3%
	Republican	78%	6%	12%	4%
	Independent	34%	36%	20%	10%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	2%	96%	1%	0%
	Soft Democrats	8%	76%	8%	7%
	Just Independents	21%	23%	39%	17%
	Soft Republicans	66%	12%	16%	7%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	84%	5%	10%	2%
	Tea Party Supporters	72%	11%	13%	5%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	82%	5%	10%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	64%	13%	16%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	11%	72%	12%	5%
	Moderate	25%	50%	18%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	63%	20%	12%	6%
Region	Northeast	39%	47%	8%	6%
	Midwest	36%	44%	15%	5%
	South	38%	42%	13%	7%
	West	36%	37%	21%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	45%	10%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	40%	16%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	38%	14%	7%
	College graduate	34%	46%	15%	5%
Race	White	41%	37%	15%	7%
	African American	10%	78%	13%	0%
	Latino	38%	39%	17%	6%
Age	18 to 29	29%	46%	14%	11%
	30 to 44	34%	43%	21%	3%
	45 to 59	44%	38%	14%	5%
	60 or older	37%	43%	12%	8%
Age	Under 45	32%	44%	18%	6%
	45 or older	41%	40%	13%	6%
Gender	Men	39%	39%	16%	5%
	Women	36%	45%	13%	7%
Marital Status	Married	44%	35%	16%	5%
	Not married	30%	50%	13%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	40%	17%	6%
	Cell phone	37%	45%	11%	7%

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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.