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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

**GOP in the Driver's Seat,
But Voters Not Convinced It's for the Better**

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Many registered voters nationally think the GOP will have more influence in directing the nation in 2015 than President Barack Obama. However, only 35% think this will bring about change for the better.

Congressional Republicans take control of the legislature amid continued dissatisfaction with elected officials in Washington and pessimism about the overall direction of the country. In fact, the job approval rating of the Democrats in Congress is at its lowest point, 27%, and the approval rating of congressional Republicans stands at 28%. President Obama doesn't fare much better. His approval rating is at 43% among registered voters, and his favorable rating is upside down. On the specifics of Mr. Obama's job performance, fewer voters think well of how he is handling foreign policy than previously, and he receives a lukewarm rating on his approach to the economy.

More than six in ten voters say the new Republican-controlled Congress should amend, if not repeal, the 2010 health care law. About one-third think the GOP should focus on other items on the national agenda.

Americans are not overly optimistic about the future of their family's finances.

"The balance in power has changed in Washington," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "But, voters need to see results to reverse their sense of dysfunction in government."

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Poll points:

- Regardless of party, more than six in ten voters, 61%, **think the Republicans in Congress will have more influence over the direction of the nation in 2015.** 29% believe President Obama will be the driving force, and 2% report neither will be in command.
- When it comes to **who voters want to have more influence**, 48% prefer the GOP to take the lead while 42% want Obama in charge. Looking at party, while 93% of Republicans want the GOP to have the most impact, 82% of Democrats look to President Obama to take the lead. 47% of independents turn to the GOP for leadership, and 40% put their stock in President Obama.
- While 35% of voters think the **Republican-controlled Congress will effect change for the better**, a plurality, 40%, doesn't expect to see any impact at all. One in five, 20%, reports GOP control will be change for the worse.
- Seven in ten voters, 70%, think it is **better for government officials to compromise to find solutions** than stand on principle. Democrats, 82%, are more likely than Republicans, 59%, to choose to compromise. More than one-third of Republicans, 36%, value principle over compromise compared with 15% of Democrats who have this view.
- Close to two-thirds of Americans, 64%, are pessimistic about the **direction of the country**. 31% say the nation is on track, and 6% are unsure. Earlier this fall, 61% of residents said the country was going in the wrong direction, and 35% reported it was moving in the right one **(Trend)**.
- **The job approval rating of congressional Democrats** is at its lowest point, 27%, since McClatchy-Marist began reporting this question. The previous low for Democrats was 28% and occurred in November of 2011 **(Trend)**. In October, 33% of voters approved of how the Democrats were doing their job.
- **The job approval rating of the Republicans in Congress**, 28%, also falls short in voters' eyes. In October, 24% of registered voters approved of how the congressional GOP was doing its job **(Trend)**.
- 43% of registered voters nationally approve **of the job President Obama is doing in office** while 52% disapprove. Obama's approval rating stood at 46% in October **(Trend)**. **Mr. Obama's favorable rating** is also upside down. 44% have a favorable impression of him while a majority, 54%, does not. Voters divided on the president's image, 48% to 49%, respectively, earlier this fall **(Trend)**.
- 38% of the national electorate, down from 46% in October, **approve of how the president is handling foreign policy**. 52% disapprove, and 10% are unsure **(Trend)**.
- On his **handling of the economy**, 41% of voters approve of how the president is tackling the issue. This is unchanged from 41% in McClatchy-Marist's previous survey. 55% currently disapprove of how President Obama is dealing with the economy **(Trend)**.
- More than six in ten registered voters nationally, 61%, **want the Republicans in Congress to make changes to the 2010 health care law**. This includes 23% who want the law repealed and 38% who favor modifications to the legislation. 34%,

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though, say the GOP should focus their efforts on other issues. While 53% of Democrats want the GOP to focus on other issues, and 48% of Republicans want to eliminate the law, 38% of Democrats and 35% of Republicans want changes to be made to the law. A plurality of independents, 43%, would like the health care law modified.

- 51% of Americans expect their **personal family finances** to stay about the same in the coming year. 32% think they will see an improvement, and 17% believe their family's financial situation will get worse. In October, 54% reported their money matters would be status quo, 30% thought they would get better, and 17% believed they would get worse (**Trend**).

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,140 National Adults

This survey of 1,140 adults was conducted December 3rd through December 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. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.9 percentage points. There are 923 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.2 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	28%	
	Independent	n/a	37%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	21%	
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	14%	
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%	
	Just Independents	n/a	11%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	12%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	16%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
	Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	7%
		Liberal	n/a	17%
Moderate		n/a	35%	
Conservative		n/a	31%	
Very conservative		n/a	10%	
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	21%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	36%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	64%	
Gender	Men	49%	46%	
	Women	51%	54%	
Age	Under 45	44%	37%	
	45 or older	56%	63%	
Age	18 to 29	23%	17%	
	30 to 44	21%	21%	
	45 to 59	29%	32%	
	60 or older	27%	30%	
Race	White	67%	71%	
	African American	11%	12%	
	Latino	14%	12%	
	Other	7%	5%	
Region	Northeast	18%	17%	
	Midwest	22%	22%	
	South	37%	38%	
	West	23%	22%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	49%	
	\$50,000 or more	49%	51%	
Education	Not college graduate	60%	58%	
	College graduate	40%	42%	
Marital Status	Married	46%	50%	
	Not married	54%	50%	
Interview Type	Landline	55%	61%	
	Cell phone	45%	39%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=1140 MOE +/- 2.9 percentage points.
National Registered Voters: n=923 MOE +/- 3.2 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		43%	52%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	78%	18%	4%
	Republican	9%	86%	5%
	Independent	40%	55%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	91%	8%	1%
	Soft Democrats	64%	28%	8%
	Just Independents	32%	57%	10%
	Soft Republicans	14%	81%	5%
	Strong Republicans	3%	93%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		18%	79%	3%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	5%	93%	1%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	12%	82%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	76%	20%	4%
	Moderate	47%	46%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	75%	4%
Region	Northeast	42%	48%	10%
	Midwest	44%	51%	5%
	South	43%	55%	3%
	West	43%	51%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	43%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	59%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	51%	7%
	College graduate	44%	52%	4%
Race	White	34%	61%	6%
	African American	84%	13%	3%
	Latino	57%	38%	5%
Age	18 to 29	53%	38%	9%
	30 to 44	44%	49%	8%
	45 to 59	36%	60%	4%
	60 or older	43%	54%	3%
Age	Under 45	48%	44%	8%
	45 or older	40%	57%	3%
Gender	Men	39%	56%	5%
	Women	46%	48%	5%
Marital Status	Married	35%	62%	2%
	Not married	51%	41%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	56%	5%
	Cell phone	48%	46%	7%

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 MOE +/- 3.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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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%
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	Independent	24%	71%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		56%	42%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	15%	81%	4%
	Moderate	23%	70%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	41%	53%	7%
Region	Northeast	27%	65%	8%
	Midwest	22%	74%	4%
	South	35%	59%	5%
	West	23%	68%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	25%	69%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	29%	65%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	62%	7%
	College graduate	23%	72%	6%
Race	White	31%	64%	5%
	Non-white	15%	73%	12%
Age	Under 45	29%	60%	11%
	45 or older	28%	69%	4%
Gender	Men	23%	71%	6%
	Women	32%	61%	7%
Marital Status	Married	29%	69%	3%
	Not married	26%	64%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	68%	6%
	Cell phone	30%	63%	7%

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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%
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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%
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June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%
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		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
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		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		41%	55%	4%
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	Republican	8%	88%	5%
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	Cell phone	40%	49%	11%

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March 2012	50%	45%	5%
November 2011	49%	45%	6%
April 2011	46%	48%	6%
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April 2009	55%	24%	21%
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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
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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 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		31%	64%	6%
National Registered Voters		29%	66%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	50%	45%	6%
	Republican	8%	88%	4%
	Independent	27%	68%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	57%	39%	4%
	Soft Democrats	43%	50%	8%
	Just Independents	19%	75%	6%
	Soft Republicans	13%	85%	2%
	Strong Republicans	5%	91%	4%
Tea Party Supporters^		12%	88%	0%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	3%	97%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	14%	82%	5%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	46%	49%	4%
	Moderate	34%	59%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	14%	82%	4%
Region	Northeast	29%	66%	5%
	Midwest	34%	60%	6%
	South	27%	69%	3%
	West	35%	56%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	34%	60%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	65%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	65%	5%
	College graduate	32%	62%	6%
Race	White	25%	70%	5%
	African American	56%	40%	5%
	Latino	34%	59%	7%
Age	18 to 29	38%	55%	7%
	30 to 44	33%	63%	4%
	45 to 59	27%	69%	4%
	60 or older	28%	66%	6%
Age	Under 45	36%	59%	6%
	45 or older	27%	67%	5%
Gender	Men	34%	61%	6%
	Women	28%	66%	5%
Marital Status	Married	23%	72%	5%
	Not married	38%	56%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	26%	68%	6%
	Cell phone	37%	59%	5%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=1140 MOE +/- 2.9 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=923 MOE +/- 3.2 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.

	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 %
December 2014	31%	64%	6%
October 2014	35%	61%	4%
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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?		
		Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		32%	17%	51%
National Registered Voters		29%	19%	52%
Party Identification^	Democrat	42%	11%	47%
	Republican	22%	21%	57%
	Independent	23%	20%	56%
Tea Party Supporters^		32%	28%	40%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	36%	13%	51%
	Moderate	33%	17%	50%
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	24%	55%
Region	Northeast	26%	24%	50%
	Midwest	25%	19%	56%
	South	39%	21%	41%
	West	35%	5%	60%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	31%	19%	50%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	13%	49%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	20%	50%
	College graduate	34%	14%	51%
Race	White	24%	22%	54%
	Non-white	48%	7%	45%
Age	Under 45	43%	10%	47%
	45 or older	23%	23%	55%
Gender	Men	40%	16%	44%
	Women	24%	18%	57%
Marital Status	Married	32%	21%	47%
	Not married	33%	14%	54%
Interview Type	Landline	25%	22%	53%
	Cell phone	40%	12%	48%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=540 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters Split Sample: n=428 MOE +/- 4.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

	National Adults		
	In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?		
	Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same
	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2014	32%	17%	51%
October 2014	30%	17%	54%
February 2014	35%	11%	54%
July 2013	29%	19%	52%
March 2013	26%	26%	48%
March 2012	32%	14%	55%
November 2011	22%	19%	59%
September 2011	28%	17%	55%
August 2011	25%	26%	49%
July 2011	28%	20%	52%
April 2011	27%	25%	48%
December 2010	29%	19%	52%
September 21, 2010	30%	18%	52%
June 9, 2010	33%	15%	52%
April 15, 2009	28%	22%	50%
Marist Poll National Adults			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters				
		Who do you want to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year:				
		The Republicans in				
		President Obama	Congress	Both	Neither	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		42%	48%	1%	6%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	82%	9%	0%	4%	4%
	Republican	4%	93%	0%	1%	1%
	Independent	40%	47%	0%	9%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		21%	78%	0%	1%	0%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	80%	12%	0%	3%	5%
	Moderate	45%	45%	3%	6%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	74%	1%	4%	1%
Region	Northeast	43%	51%	1%	3%	3%
	Midwest	50%	36%	0%	10%	4%
	South	39%	52%	0%	5%	3%
	West	40%	50%	5%	3%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	41%	1%	8%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	57%	0%	4%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	47%	1%	5%	2%
	College graduate	38%	51%	1%	6%	4%
Race	White	35%	57%	1%	6%	2%
	Non-white	63%	26%	3%	5%	3%
Age	Under 45	42%	52%	2%	2%	1%
	45 or older	42%	48%	1%	7%	2%
Gender	Men	43%	46%	3%	6%	2%
	Women	42%	50%	0%	5%	3%
Marital Status	Married	32%	59%	1%	6%	2%
	Not married	53%	37%	2%	5%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	44%	2%	8%	4%
	Cell phone	42%	54%	0%	3%	1%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=438 MOE +/- 4.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters				
		Who do you think will have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year:				
		The Republicans in			Neither	Unsure
		President Obama	Congress	Both		
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		29%	61%	<1%	2%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	29%	63%	0%	1%	6%
	Republican	34%	62%	0%	0%	4%
	Independent	25%	60%	0%	5%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		33%	63%	0%	0%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	31%	57%	0%	4%	8%
	Moderate	30%	59%	0%	3%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	28%	64%	0%	1%	7%
Region	Northeast	27%	68%	0%	0%	5%
	Midwest	31%	61%	0%	5%	3%
	South	27%	61%	0%	2%	10%
	West	32%	53%	0%	2%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	61%	0%	3%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	61%	0%	2%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	60%	0%	2%	7%
	College graduate	27%	62%	0%	4%	8%
Race	White	25%	65%	0%	3%	7%
	Non-white	34%	53%	0%	2%	11%
Age	Under 45	41%	57%	0%	0%	2%
	45 or older	23%	63%	0%	3%	11%
Gender	Men	34%	54%	0%	4%	8%
	Women	25%	66%	0%	1%	7%
Marital Status	Married	28%	60%	0%	4%	8%
	Not married	30%	61%	0%	1%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	60%	0%	3%	9%
	Cell phone	32%	61%	0%	1%	6%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=438 MOE +/- 4.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		In general, is it more important for government officials to:		
		Compromise to find solutions	Stand on principle even if it means a government shutdown	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		70%	26%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	82%	15%	3%
	Republican	59%	36%	5%
	Independent	69%	26%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		33%	65%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	87%	12%	1%
	Moderate	79%	18%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	55%	40%	5%
Region	Northeast	71%	22%	6%
	Midwest	71%	26%	3%
	South	64%	32%	3%
	West	77%	17%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	69%	25%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	73%	25%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	65%	29%	6%
	College graduate	78%	21%	2%
Race	White	68%	27%	5%
	Non-white	76%	21%	4%
Age	Under 45	77%	19%	5%
	45 or older	66%	30%	4%
Gender	Men	69%	28%	3%
	Women	71%	24%	6%
Marital Status	Married	67%	30%	3%
	Not married	74%	20%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	69%	27%	4%
	Cell phone	72%	24%	5%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=485 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters			
		Now that the Republicans have won control of Congress in this past November's elections, do you think there will be change for the better, change for the worse or no change at all?			
		Change for the		No change at all	Unsure
		Change for the better	worse		
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		35%	20%	40%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	16%	40%	40%	5%
	Republican	69%	0%	28%	2%
	Independent	31%	18%	46%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		51%	5%	41%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	16%	41%	40%	3%
	Moderate	33%	19%	47%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	50%	10%	36%	4%
Region	Northeast	26%	32%	38%	4%
	Midwest	38%	18%	42%	3%
	South	41%	14%	43%	2%
	West	31%	24%	36%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	29%	23%	43%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	19%	36%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	20%	39%	4%
	College graduate	34%	22%	41%	3%
Race	White	38%	20%	39%	3%
	Non-white	28%	23%	43%	6%
Age	Under 45	27%	22%	47%	4%
	45 or older	41%	20%	35%	4%
Gender	Men	35%	12%	50%	3%
	Women	35%	28%	32%	5%
Marital Status	Married	43%	19%	36%	3%
	Not married	29%	23%	44%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	17%	39%	4%
	Cell phone	28%	26%	42%	4%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=485 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters			
		When it comes to the 2010 health care law, would you like to see Republicans in Congress work to get rid of the law entirely, make modifications to the law, or focus their efforts on other issues?			
		Get rid of the law entirely	Make modifications to the law	Focus their efforts on other issues	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		23%	38%	34%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	3%	38%	53%	5%
	Republican	48%	35%	11%	6%
	Independent	20%	43%	34%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		55%	26%	16%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	5%	26%	64%	5%
	Moderate	16%	45%	34%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	38%	39%	18%	4%
Region	Northeast	21%	32%	38%	8%
	Midwest	24%	39%	32%	6%
	South	23%	41%	31%	5%
	West	22%	36%	39%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	18%	42%	34%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	27%	37%	33%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	33%	30%	8%
	College graduate	15%	44%	40%	1%
Race	White	28%	36%	31%	5%
	Non-white	10%	43%	43%	5%
Age	Under 45	18%	36%	41%	4%
	45 or older	26%	40%	29%	5%
Gender	Men	25%	35%	35%	5%
	Women	21%	41%	34%	5%
Marital Status	Married	32%	37%	28%	3%
	Not married	14%	39%	40%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	25%	38%	30%	7%
	Cell phone	19%	38%	41%	2%

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