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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

Voters Divide Over President's Performance Rating

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Registered voters nationally divide about their overall assessment of the job President Barack Obama is doing in office. However, the president actually receives his highest approval rating, 47%, since April of 2013. At that time, just half of the electorate, 50%, approved of how Obama was doing in office. President Obama's negative rating has also inched down.

On the specifics, Mr. Obama's approval ratings on the economy, foreign policy, and his handling of ISIS remain upside down. What does this all mean for President Obama's legacy? Mr. Obama receives mixed reviews.

Turning to the job performances of the Republicans and Democrats in Congress, fewer than one in five registered voters nationally, 19%, approves of how the Republicans in Congress are doing their job. This is the lowest job approval rating the congressional GOP has received since the McClatchy-Marist Poll has been tracking this question, and it is a drop from 33% measured in the last McClatchy-Marist Poll in March. The decreased level of satisfaction is due, in large part, to Republicans. There has been a 24 point drop in the proportion of the GOP faithful who approve of how the congressional Republicans are doing their job.

While the Democrats in Congress fare better, their job approval rating is nothing to write home about. Only 28% of voters give them high marks, little changed from their previous approval rating of 30% measured in March.

Taking a closer look at the nation's involvement in the fight against ISIS, a majority of Americans support putting boots on the ground in Iraq and Syria to combat the Islamic

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State. And on the question of sending ground troops to engage in the fight, 59% of residents, down from 65% in March, favor sending, at least, some ground troops.

And, do Americans want to increase the minimum wage? The consensus is that a raise is warranted?

But, Americans' attitudes about President Obama, Congress, the fight against ISIS, and pay rates play out against a backdrop of persistent dissatisfaction with the direction of the nation.

Measuring Americans Attitudes about President Barack Obama

Poll points:

- **President Obama's, overall, approval rating** is at 47% among registered voters, the highest score the president has received in more than two years. The same proportion, 47%, disapproves. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in **March**, the president's approval rating was upside down, 46% to 50% **(Trend)**.
- 47% of voters have a **favorable impression of President Obama** while 48% have an unfavorable one. Earlier this year, a majority, 52%, had a negative view of the president **(Trend)**.
- 50% of voters nationally disapprove of **how President Obama is handling the economy** while 45% approve. In March, the same proportions of voters had these views **(Trend)**.
- A majority of voters, 54%, little changed from March, disapprove of **how President Obama is handling foreign policy (Trend)**.
- A majority of voters, 54%, are also dissatisfied with **how the president is dealing with ISIS**. This is little changed from March when 56% had this opinion.
- When it comes to **President Obama's legacy**, many Americans do not think his legacy will be overly positive. While 32% of Americans believe Mr. Obama will be considered either one of the best presidents, 10%, or an above average one, 22%, 28% say he will be thought of as "about average." Nearly four in ten residents, 38%, report his presidency will be either below average, 17%, or will be remembered as one of the nation's worst, 21%.

Views of the GOP in Congress Hit Rock Bottom

The job approval rating of the Republicans in Congress is at an all-time low. In fact, nearly seven in ten registered voters nationally disapprove of how they are doing their job. The Democrats in Congress do not receive positive marks either, but they are rated higher than their Republican counterparts.

- Less than one in five voters, 19%, approves of **how the Republicans in Congress are doing their job**. 68% disapprove. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in March, 33% thought well of them **(Trend)**. The congressional GOP has lost favor in the eyes of its own party. 36% of Republicans, down from 60% earlier this year, rate the job performance of the Republicans in Congress positively. There

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has also been a drop in their approval rating among independents from 28% in March to 19% now.

- 28% of voters, little changed from 30% previously, approve of **the job performance of the Democrats in Congress (Trend)**.

Majority of Americans Supports Increased U.S. Involvement in the Fight against ISIS

51% of Americans favor sending more U.S. troops to Iraq and Syria to combat ISIS. Nearly six in ten support the inclusion of at least some ground troops in the fight.

Poll points:

- A majority of U.S. residents, 51%, either strongly favor, 15%, or favor, 36%, **sending more U.S. troops to Iraq and Syria to combat ISIS**.
- 59% of Americans, down from 65% in **March**, support **sending ground forces to combat ISIS**. This includes 24% who favor deploying a large number of ground forces and 35% who support a limited deployment of ground troops.

Increase the Minimum Wage?

Close to seven in ten Americans, 68%, either strongly favor, 30%, or favor, 38%, **raising the minimum wage**.

Poll points:

- Most Democrats, 92%, and nearly two-thirds of independents, 65%, favor increasing the minimum wage. Even 37% of Republicans agree.

Cloud of Pessimism Shrouds the Direction of the Country

Many Americans continue to have a downbeat attitude about the **direction of the nation**.

Poll points:

- 60% of residents nationally think the nation is moving in the wrong direction. A similar proportion, 59%, had this view in March **(Trend)**.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,249 National Adults

This survey of 1,249 adults was conducted July 22nd through July 28th, 2015 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with the McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed in English or Spanish 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 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.8 percentage points. There are 964 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.2 percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		77%	100%
Party Identification^	Democrat	n/a	33%
	Republican	n/a	25%
	Independent	n/a	40%
	Other	n/a	3%
Party Identification^	Strong Democrats	n/a	21%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	12%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	15%
	Just Independents	n/a	12%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	12%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	13%
	Other	n/a	3%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal	n/a	8%
	Liberal	n/a	20%
	Moderate	n/a	32%
	Conservative	n/a	31%
	Very conservative	n/a	10%
Tea Party Supporters^		n/a	19%
Republicans^	Support Tea Party	n/a	34%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	66%
Gender	Men	49%	47%
	Women	51%	53%
Age	Under 45	46%	39%
	45 or older	54%	61%
Age	18 to 29	21%	16%
	30 to 44	25%	23%
	45 to 59	26%	29%
	60 or older	27%	32%
Race	White	64%	69%
	African American	11%	12%
	Latino	14%	10%
	Other	10%	9%
Region	Northeast	17%	17%
	Midwest	21%	22%
	South	38%	37%
	West	24%	24%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	41%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	59%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	58%
	College graduate	38%	42%
Marital Status	Married	48%	53%
	Not married	52%	47%
Interview Type	Landline	52%	59%
	Cell phone	48%	41%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted July 22nd through July 28th, 2015, n=1249 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=964 MOE +/- 3.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		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		47%	47%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	83%	12%	4%
	Republican	9%	88%	3%
	Independent	44%	45%	11%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	88%	9%	3%
	Soft Democrats	75%	17%	8%
	Just Independents	38%	44%	18%
	Soft Republicans	11%	82%	7%
	Strong Republicans	3%	96%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		18%	77%	5%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	3%	94%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	11%	84%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	83%	11%	6%
	Moderate	46%	46%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	72%	6%
Region	Northeast	53%	40%	7%
	Midwest	43%	46%	11%
	South	44%	53%	4%
	West	50%	43%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	40%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	51%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	50%	7%
	College graduate	51%	42%	7%
Race	White	40%	53%	7%
	African American	88%	8%	4%
	Latino	49%	40%	11%
Age	18 to 29	54%	32%	14%
	30 to 44	50%	45%	5%
	45 to 59	43%	50%	7%
	60 or older	43%	52%	5%
Age	Under 45	52%	40%	8%
	45 or older	43%	51%	6%
Gender	Men	44%	50%	5%
	Women	49%	43%	8%
Marital Status	Married	41%	53%	5%
	Not married	53%	39%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	49%	7%
	Cell phone	51%	43%	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.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
August 2015	47%	47%	7%
March 2015	46%	50%	4%
December 2014	43%	52%	5%
October 2014	46%	51%	3%
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%
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		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		19%	68%	13%
Party Identification	Democrat	10%	77%	13%
	Republican	36%	53%	11%
	Independent	19%	70%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		23%	68%	10%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	10%	82%	8%
	Moderate	18%	65%	17%
	Conservative-Very conservative	25%	65%	10%
Region	Northeast	12%	80%	9%
	Midwest	17%	69%	14%
	South	21%	64%	15%
	West	24%	65%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	17%	68%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	20%	70%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	22%	63%	15%
	College graduate	14%	77%	9%
Race	White	19%	67%	14%
	Non-white	20%	69%	11%
Age	Under 45	25%	62%	13%
	45 or older	15%	73%	12%
Gender	Men	19%	72%	8%
	Women	19%	64%	17%
Marital Status	Married	16%	74%	10%
	Not married	21%	63%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	15%	72%	13%
	Cell phone	24%	63%	12%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted July 22nd through July 28th, 2015, n=531 MOE +/- 4.3 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 %
August 2015	19%	68%	13%
March 2015	33%	61%	6%
December 2014	28%	66%	6%
October 2014	24%	71%	5%
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%
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		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		28%	60%	12%
Party Identification	Democrat	59%	29%	12%
	Republican	6%	87%	7%
	Independent	20%	69%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	84%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	48%	41%	11%
	Moderate	21%	65%	15%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	71%	10%
Region	Northeast	24%	62%	14%
	Midwest	28%	61%	11%
	South	32%	59%	9%
	West	27%	58%	15%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	51%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	27%	65%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	59%	13%
	College graduate	27%	62%	11%
Race	White	24%	64%	13%
	Non-white	40%	49%	11%
Age	Under 45	31%	55%	14%
	45 or older	27%	63%	11%
Gender	Men	27%	63%	10%
	Women	30%	56%	14%
Marital Status	Married	20%	69%	10%
	Not married	36%	50%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	26%	62%	12%
	Cell phone	32%	57%	11%

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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 2015	28%	60%	12%
March 2015	30%	64%	6%
December 2014	27%	65%	9%
October 2014	33%	61%	6%
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%
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		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		45%	50%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	76%	20%	3%
	Republican	9%	87%	4%
	Independent	49%	44%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	74%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	75%	20%	5%
	Moderate	50%	43%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	74%	4%
Region	Northeast	47%	51%	3%
	Midwest	48%	43%	9%
	South	42%	57%	2%
	West	47%	44%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	43%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	53%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	51%	6%
	College graduate	49%	47%	4%
Race	White	41%	55%	5%
	Non-white	61%	32%	6%
Age	Under 45	49%	45%	6%
	45 or older	43%	53%	5%
Gender	Men	45%	52%	4%
	Women	45%	48%	6%
Marital Status	Married	41%	55%	4%
	Not married	51%	43%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	50%	6%
	Cell phone	47%	50%	3%

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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 2015	45%	50%	5%
March 2015	45%	50%	5%
December 2014	41%	55%	4%
October 2014	41%	57%	2%
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		39%	54%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	71%	23%	6%
	Republican	8%	89%	3%
	Independent	38%	51%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	78%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	69%	24%	7%
	Moderate	38%	53%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	74%	5%
Region	Northeast	39%	59%	2%
	Midwest	43%	41%	17%
	South	33%	65%	3%
	West	45%	48%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	42%	46%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	60%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	52%	9%
	College graduate	41%	55%	4%
Race	White	32%	62%	6%
	Non-white	60%	32%	8%
Age	Under 45	43%	51%	6%
	45 or older	36%	57%	7%
Gender	Men	38%	55%	8%
	Women	40%	54%	6%
Marital Status	Married	34%	61%	5%
	Not married	47%	44%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	37%	56%	6%
	Cell phone	42%	51%	7%

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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 Obama is doing handling ISIS?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		34%	54%	12%
Party Identification	Democrat	66%	24%	10%
	Republican	2%	88%	10%
	Independent	31%	53%	16%
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		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
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	Soft Republicans	13%	84%	3%
	Strong Republicans	3%	97%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		16%	78%	6%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	3%	94%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	14%	85%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	81%	14%	5%
	Moderate	50%	47%	3%
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Region	Northeast	54%	41%	5%
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	South	43%	53%	4%
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	\$50,000 or more	45%	52%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	49%	7%
	College graduate	52%	47%	2%
Race	White	42%	54%	4%
	African American	85%	9%	6%
	Latino	51%	46%	3%
Age	18 to 29	59%	38%	3%
	30 to 44	51%	46%	4%
	45 to 59	42%	52%	6%
	60 or older	43%	52%	4%
Age	Under 45	54%	43%	4%
	45 or older	43%	52%	5%
Gender	Men	45%	51%	4%
	Women	49%	46%	5%
Marital Status	Married	42%	55%	3%
	Not married	53%	41%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	51%	5%
	Cell phone	53%	44%	3%

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	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2015	47%	48%	4%
March 2015	45%	52%	3%
December 2014	44%	54%	3%
October 2014	48%	49%	3%
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%
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		National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
		Right Direction	Wrong Direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		34%	60%	6%
National Registered Voters		33%	61%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	58%	35%	7%
	Republican	8%	90%	2%
	Independent	31%	63%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	64%	29%	7%
	Soft Democrats	51%	41%	9%
	Just Independents	24%	71%	5%
	Soft Republicans	12%	86%	2%
Tea Party Supporters^	Strong Republicans	3%	96%	1%
	Republicans	16%	83%	1%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	2%	97%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	12%	86%	2%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	58%	37%	6%
	Moderate	32%	62%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	79%	4%
Region	Northeast	36%	57%	7%
	Midwest	32%	64%	4%
	South	34%	62%	4%
	West	35%	56%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	57%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	63%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	61%	6%
	College graduate	37%	58%	5%
Race	White	28%	67%	5%
	African American	53%	41%	6%
	Latino	44%	52%	3%
Age	18 to 29	46%	47%	7%
	30 to 44	34%	64%	2%
	45 to 59	32%	63%	4%
	60 or older	27%	65%	8%
Age	Under 45	40%	56%	4%
	45 or older	30%	64%	6%
Gender	Men	36%	61%	4%
	Women	33%	60%	8%
Marital Status	Married	33%	63%	4%
	Not married	36%	57%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	29%	64%	7%
	Cell phone	39%	56%	5%

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	National Adults		
	In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
	Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
August 2015	34%	60%	6%
March 2015	36%	59%	4%
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%
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		National Adults			
		When it comes to combatting ISIS, the Islamic State group, do you support the United States:			
		Sending a large number of U.S. ground forces	Sending a limited number of U.S. ground forces	Not sending U.S. ground forces at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		24%	35%	30%	10%
National Registered Voters		24%	35%	31%	10%
Party Identification^	Democrat	18%	33%	37%	13%
	Republican	33%	40%	17%	10%
	Independent	24%	34%	35%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	19%	28%	39%	15%
	Soft Democrats	16%	40%	37%	7%
	Just Independents	22%	33%	33%	12%
	Soft Republicans	32%	39%	23%	6%
Tea Party Supporters^	Strong Republicans	35%	34%	18%	13%
	Tea Party Supporters^	42%	31%	19%	9%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	45%	29%	20%	7%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	27%	41%	22%	9%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	16%	34%	42%	8%
	Moderate	22%	38%	30%	10%
	Conservative-Very conservative	31%	36%	23%	10%
Region	Northeast	23%	43%	28%	7%
	Midwest	21%	35%	35%	10%
	South	27%	33%	28%	12%
	West	22%	35%	31%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	24%	32%	32%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	24%	38%	30%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	35%	28%	10%
	College graduate	20%	39%	33%	9%
Race	White	23%	37%	28%	12%
	African American	26%	35%	32%	8%
	Latino	29%	28%	34%	9%
Age	18 to 29	18%	50%	26%	7%
	30 to 44	24%	35%	31%	11%
	45 to 59	28%	31%	30%	11%
	60 or older	25%	29%	34%	12%
Age	Under 45	21%	41%	29%	9%
	45 or older	26%	30%	32%	12%
Gender	Men	28%	38%	28%	6%
	Women	20%	33%	32%	14%
Marital Status	Married	25%	36%	29%	9%
	Not married	23%	37%	31%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	28%	31%	29%	12%
	Cell phone	20%	40%	31%	9%

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		National Adults					
		When Barack Obama finishes his second term as President next year, do you think he will be remembered as one of the best presidents in U.S. history, above average, about average, below average, or as one of the worst presidents in U.S. history?					
		One of the best presidents	Above average	About average	Below average	One of the worst presidents	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		10%	22%	28%	17%	21%	2%
National Registered Voters		10%	22%	27%	17%	23%	1%
Party Identification^	Democrat	20%	36%	30%	8%	4%	2%
	Republican	0%	8%	18%	26%	48%	0%
	Independent	8%	20%	31%	18%	22%	1%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	29%	37%	23%	7%	3%	1%
	Soft Democrats	9%	36%	37%	9%	6%	2%
	Just Independents	7%	13%	36%	17%	25%	2%
	Soft Republicans	0%	9%	25%	28%	37%	0%
	Strong Republicans	1%	3%	9%	24%	62%	0%
Tea Party Supporters^	4%	11%	13%	20%	52%	0%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	1%	5%	8%	22%	65%	0%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	0%	8%	25%	30%	37%	0%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	19%	44%	25%	7%	4%	0%
	Moderate	7%	20%	36%	21%	15%	2%
	Conservative-Very conservative	5%	10%	24%	21%	40%	0%
Region	Northeast	9%	25%	28%	16%	17%	4%
	Midwest	8%	18%	33%	22%	19%	1%
	South	10%	21%	27%	16%	25%	1%
	West	11%	25%	26%	16%	18%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	24%	30%	13%	18%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	9%	21%	28%	20%	22%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	8%	22%	30%	17%	22%	2%
	College graduate	12%	24%	27%	18%	18%	1%
Race	White	5%	17%	30%	20%	26%	2%
	African American	29%	36%	27%	4%	2%	1%
	Latino	13%	28%	32%	14%	10%	3%
Age	18 to 29	8%	32%	34%	18%	7%	2%
	30 to 44	12%	21%	32%	15%	18%	1%
	45 to 59	11%	18%	28%	20%	23%	1%
	60 or older	9%	18%	22%	16%	32%	3%
Age	Under 45	10%	26%	33%	17%	13%	2%
	45 or older	10%	18%	25%	18%	28%	2%
Gender	Men	9%	23%	28%	18%	21%	1%
	Women	11%	21%	29%	16%	21%	3%
Marital Status	Married	10%	19%	28%	17%	25%	1%
	Not married	9%	26%	30%	17%	16%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	8%	18%	26%	18%	28%	2%
	Cell phone	12%	26%	31%	17%	13%	1%

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		National Adults				
		Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose sending more U.S. troops to Iraq and Syria to combat ISIS?				
		Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		15%	36%	24%	20%	5%
National Registered Voters		14%	35%	24%	21%	6%
Party Identification^	Democrat	9%	36%	29%	23%	4%
	Republican	17%	55%	9%	10%	8%
	Independent	16%	24%	28%	27%	4%
Tea Party Supporters^		20%	42%	18%	13%	7%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	9%	31%	24%	31%	5%
	Moderate	10%	36%	30%	20%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	36%	20%	16%	7%
Region	Northeast	19%	34%	19%	24%	3%
	Midwest	11%	34%	24%	23%	8%
	South	16%	40%	26%	15%	3%
	West	14%	34%	23%	21%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	36%	27%	19%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	17%	37%	19%	23%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	16%	34%	28%	15%	6%
	College graduate	14%	39%	17%	26%	4%
Race	White	15%	38%	23%	19%	5%
	Non-white	16%	33%	23%	22%	6%
Age	18 to 29	9%	35%	32%	23%	2%
	30 to 44	19%	45%	19%	15%	1%
	45 to 59	17%	33%	18%	24%	8%
	60 or older	14%	31%	28%	18%	8%
Age	Under 45	14%	41%	25%	19%	2%
	45 or older	16%	32%	22%	21%	8%
Gender	Men	18%	34%	22%	21%	5%
	Women	12%	38%	25%	19%	6%
Marital Status	Married	15%	37%	24%	19%	5%
	Not married	15%	35%	23%	20%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	14%	37%	22%	20%	7%
	Cell phone	16%	35%	25%	20%	3%

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		National Adults				
		Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose raising the national minimum wage?				
		Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		30%	38%	20%	9%	4%
National Registered Voters		31%	34%	22%	9%	4%
Party Identification^	Democrat	51%	41%	4%	2%	2%
	Republican	11%	26%	37%	19%	7%
	Independent	31%	34%	24%	6%	4%
Tea Party Supporters^		14%	25%	41%	16%	4%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	52%	37%	5%	3%	4%
	Moderate	26%	41%	22%	8%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	27%	32%	14%	5%
Region	Northeast	36%	35%	21%	5%	2%
	Midwest	31%	35%	17%	10%	7%
	South	29%	41%	20%	7%	3%
	West	25%	36%	23%	14%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	41%	13%	8%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	27%	36%	25%	9%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	43%	17%	8%	4%
	College graduate	33%	31%	24%	10%	3%
Race	White	28%	36%	22%	10%	4%
	Non-white	34%	42%	14%	8%	3%
Age	18 to 29	34%	43%	16%	7%	0%
	30 to 44	21%	41%	23%	10%	4%
	45 to 59	35%	31%	20%	10%	5%
	60 or older	31%	36%	20%	8%	4%
Age	Under 45	27%	42%	20%	9%	2%
	45 or older	33%	33%	20%	9%	5%
Gender	Men	28%	33%	25%	10%	3%
	Women	32%	42%	16%	7%	4%
Marital Status	Married	24%	41%	23%	10%	2%
	Not married	35%	36%	17%	7%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	35%	23%	9%	4%
	Cell phone	30%	41%	17%	9%	4%

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