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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Survey January 2011

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,018 Adults

This survey of 1,018 adults was conducted on January 6th through January 10th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 827 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations. The days when the poll was conducted include the Saturday when the tragic shooting occurred in Tucson, Arizona.

Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
Registered Voters		81%
Region	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	52%
	\$50,000 or more	48%
Race	White	68%
	African American	10%
	Latino	11%
	Other	10%
Race	White	68%
	Non-white	32%
Age	Under 45	42%
	45 or older	58%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Interview Type	Landline	72%
	Cell Phone	28%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted January 6th through 10th, 2011, N=1018 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters		
		Registered Voters
		Col %
Registered Voters		100%
Party ID	Democrat	35%
	Republican	28%
	Independent	36%
	Other	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	29%
Political Party	Liberal	23%
	Moderate	34%
	Conservative	42%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	23%
	South	37%
	West	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%
	\$50,000 or more	51%
Race	White	72%
	African American	11%
	Latino	9%
	Other	9%
Race	White	72%
	Non-white	28%
Age	Under 45	37%
	45 or older	63%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	78%
	Cell Phone	22%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted January 6th through 10th, 2011, N=827 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Section 1: President Obama and 2012

Obama Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	43%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	84%	9%	7%
	Republican	9%	83%	8%
	Independent	44%	44%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	76%	4%
Political Party	Liberal	81%	10%	9%
	Moderate	52%	33%	14%
	Conservative	23%	72%	5%
Region	Northeast	50%	38%	12%
	Midwest	52%	41%	7%
	South	44%	49%	7%
	West	49%	39%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	36%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	47%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	47%	43%	9%
	College graduate	49%	42%	9%
Age	Under 45	55%	35%	11%
	45 or older	44%	48%	8%
Age	18 to 29	62%	29%	9%
	30 to 44	49%	38%	12%
	45 to 59	47%	46%	8%
	60 or older	41%	51%	8%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	60%	31%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	50%	38%	12%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	46%	46%	8%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	39%	52%	9%
Race	White	39%	51%	10%
	Non-white	71%	22%	6%
Gender	Men	44%	48%	8%
	Women	51%	38%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	46%	44%	9%
	Cell Phone	53%	38%	9%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted January 6th through 10th, 2011, N=827 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Obama Approval Rating Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
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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Obama Favorability

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		53%	40%	8%
Party ID	Democrat	85%	9%	7%
	Republican	14%	76%	10%
	Independent	53%	42%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	74%	6%
Political Party	Liberal	86%	10%	4%
	Moderate	63%	30%	7%
	Conservative	24%	67%	9%
Region	Northeast	58%	33%	9%
	Midwest	53%	42%	5%
	South	47%	44%	8%
	West	57%	34%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	58%	32%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	45%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	39%	11%
	College graduate	56%	40%	4%
Age	Under 45	58%	33%	10%
	45 or older	50%	44%	6%
Age	18 to 29	64%	27%	9%
	30 to 44	53%	36%	11%
	45 to 59	52%	43%	5%
	60 or older	47%	45%	8%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	63%	29%	9%
	Gen X (31-46)	55%	36%	10%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	51%	43%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	46%	46%	8%
Race	White	46%	47%	6%
	Non-white	69%	19%	11%
Gender	Men	49%	44%	7%
	Women	56%	36%	8%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	93%	3%	4%
	Disapprove	9%	84%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	42%	8%
	Cell Phone	60%	32%	8%

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Obama Favorability Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
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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Obama Next Two Years in Office

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you think President Obama will do a better job or a worse job in his next two years in office?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think President Obama will do a better job or a worse job in his next two years in office?			
		Better job	Worse job	About the same	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		61%	21%	5%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	85%	5%	2%	9%
	Republican	41%	38%	7%	14%
	Independent	55%	23%	8%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		41%	41%	6%	12%
Political Party	Liberal	77%	5%	3%	15%
	Moderate	73%	13%	5%	9%
	Conservative	43%	36%	8%	13%
Region	Northeast	64%	17%	6%	12%
	Midwest	62%	21%	3%	14%
	South	59%	25%	5%	11%
	West	61%	19%	7%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	64%	18%	5%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	63%	22%	5%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	21%	5%	14%
	College graduate	64%	20%	6%	11%
Age	Under 45	67%	18%	4%	11%
	45 or older	58%	23%	6%	13%
Age	18 to 29	69%	13%	4%	15%
	30 to 44	65%	21%	5%	9%
	45 to 59	62%	22%	5%	11%
	60 or older	54%	24%	6%	15%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	67%	15%	3%	15%
	Gen X (31-46)	66%	20%	5%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	60%	22%	7%	12%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	54%	25%	5%	15%
Race	White	58%	25%	5%	13%
	Non-white	72%	11%	4%	12%
Gender	Men	56%	25%	6%	13%
	Women	66%	18%	5%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	86%	4%	3%	8%
	Disapprove	35%	44%	8%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	60%	21%	6%	13%
	Cell Phone	67%	20%	4%	10%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted January 6th through 10th, 2011, N=827
MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Direction of the Country

Asked of Residents:

Question Wording: 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?

		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		41%	47%	12%
Registered Voters		43%	47%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	66%	23%	11%
	Republican	20%	72%	8%
	Independent	40%	51%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		22%	71%	8%
Political Party	Liberal	57%	27%	16%
	Moderate	47%	42%	12%
	Conservative	31%	64%	6%
Region	Northeast	44%	42%	15%
	Midwest	44%	44%	12%
	South	40%	50%	10%
	West	35%	52%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	44%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	51%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	49%	12%
	College graduate	44%	44%	12%
Age	Under 45	47%	43%	10%
	45 or older	36%	51%	13%
Age	18 to 29	46%	41%	13%
	30 to 44	47%	45%	8%
	45 to 59	39%	50%	11%
	60 or older	33%	52%	15%
Race	White	36%	53%	11%
	Non-white	52%	35%	13%
Gender	Men	38%	52%	11%
	Women	43%	43%	13%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	69%	19%	12%
	Disapprove	14%	79%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	50%	12%
	Cell Phone	48%	40%	12%

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Direction of the Country Over Time

Asked of National Adults:

Question Wording: 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?

	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 %
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

Hypothetical 2012 Presidential Matchup: Obama/Palin

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Sarah Palin, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		56%	30%	13%
Party ID	Democrat	89%	6%	5%
	Republican	16%	66%	18%
	Independent	57%	29%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	69%	14%
Political Party	Liberal	85%	7%	8%
	Moderate	69%	17%	15%
	Conservative	28%	58%	14%
Region	Northeast	59%	22%	19%
	Midwest	63%	27%	10%
	South	52%	35%	12%
	West	54%	32%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	61%	26%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	56%	33%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	53%	33%	14%
	College graduate	62%	27%	12%
Age	Under 45	65%	25%	10%
	45 or older	51%	34%	15%
Age	18 to 29	73%	20%	7%
	30 to 44	59%	28%	13%
	45 to 59	53%	33%	14%
	60 or older	49%	35%	16%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	71%	22%	7%
	Gen X (31-46)	61%	26%	13%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	53%	33%	14%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	46%	38%	17%
Race	White	49%	37%	14%
	Non-white	73%	15%	11%
Gender	Men	52%	35%	13%
	Women	60%	27%	13%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	93%	4%	4%
	Disapprove	14%	66%	21%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	31%	14%
	Cell Phone	60%	30%	10%

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Hypothetical 2012 Presidential Matchup: Obama/Palin Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters		
	If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Barack Obama, the Democrat	Sarah Palin, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	56%	30%	13%
December 2010	52%	40%	9%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

Hypothetical 2012 Presidential Matchup: Obama/Romney

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		51%	38%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	87%	8%	5%
	Republican	10%	81%	10%
	Independent	47%	37%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	75%	9%
Political Party	Liberal	85%	8%	7%
	Moderate	57%	30%	13%
	Conservative	24%	65%	11%
Region	Northeast	54%	30%	16%
	Midwest	54%	38%	8%
	South	49%	40%	11%
	West	48%	42%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	57%	30%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	43%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	51%	36%	12%
	College graduate	51%	41%	8%
Age	Under 45	57%	32%	11%
	45 or older	47%	42%	11%
Age	18 to 29	65%	27%	8%
	30 to 44	52%	35%	13%
	45 to 59	50%	39%	11%
	60 or older	44%	44%	11%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	64%	29%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	54%	34%	12%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	49%	39%	12%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	42%	47%	10%
Race	White	43%	46%	11%
	Non-white	70%	19%	11%
Gender	Men	47%	41%	12%
	Women	54%	36%	10%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	91%	4%	4%
	Disapprove	7%	79%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	40%	11%
	Cell Phone	54%	34%	11%

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Hypothetical 2012 Presidential Matchup: Obama/Romney Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters		
	If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	51%	38%	11%
December 2010	44%	46%	10%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

Hypothetical 2012 Presidential Matchup: Obama/Huckabee

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mike Huckabee, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		50%	38%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	88%	7%	5%
	Republican	8%	81%	12%
	Independent	45%	40%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	74%	9%
Political Party	Liberal	85%	7%	8%
	Moderate	56%	29%	16%
	Conservative	23%	68%	9%
Region	Northeast	53%	30%	17%
	Midwest	55%	38%	7%
	South	46%	43%	11%
	West	47%	38%	15%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	33%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	41%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	39%	13%
	College graduate	52%	38%	10%
Age	Under 45	57%	31%	11%
	45 or older	45%	42%	13%
Age	18 to 29	71%	24%	5%
	30 to 44	48%	37%	15%
	45 to 59	49%	42%	10%
	60 or older	41%	43%	16%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	69%	26%	5%
	Gen X (31-46)	49%	37%	14%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	48%	40%	12%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	38%	46%	16%
Race	White	41%	46%	13%
	Non-white	72%	19%	10%
Gender	Men	47%	41%	13%
	Women	52%	36%	12%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	90%	5%	5%
	Disapprove	6%	78%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	48%	40%	12%
	Cell Phone	54%	33%	13%

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Hypothetical 2012 Presidential Matchup: Obama/Huckabee Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Registered Voters		
	If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mike Huckabee, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	50%	38%	12%
December 2010	47%	43%	11%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

Tea Party Supporters

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?			
		Strongly support Tea Party	Support Tea Party	Does not support Tea Party	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		9%	20%	63%	8%
Party ID	Democrat	2%	9%	83%	7%
	Republican	17%	30%	42%	10%
	Independent	9%	23%	60%	8%
Political Party	Liberal	2%	11%	83%	4%
	Moderate	2%	13%	76%	9%
	Conservative	19%	33%	41%	8%
Region	Northeast	8%	19%	64%	8%
	Midwest	6%	23%	60%	11%
	South	11%	20%	62%	7%
	West	8%	19%	65%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	6%	21%	61%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	10%	19%	66%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	10%	25%	54%	11%
	College graduate	7%	14%	74%	5%
Age	Under 45	7%	20%	65%	9%
	45 or older	9%	21%	62%	8%
Age	18 to 29	5%	21%	64%	9%
	30 to 44	7%	19%	66%	8%
	45 to 59	7%	21%	65%	8%
	60 or older	12%	21%	58%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	6%	22%	63%	9%
	Gen X (31-46)	7%	19%	64%	10%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	7%	22%	66%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	14%	19%	56%	11%
Race	White	11%	22%	58%	9%
	Non-white	4%	17%	73%	5%
Gender	Men	9%	23%	61%	6%
	Women	8%	18%	64%	10%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	2%	11%	82%	6%
	Disapprove	18%	34%	39%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	9%	22%	61%	8%
	Cell Phone	6%	16%	70%	8%

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 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Section 2: Congress

House of Representatives – Should Republicans Compromise

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which comes closer to your view about what you think should happen:

		Registered Voters		
		The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which statement comes closer to your view about what you think should happen:		
		The Republicans should compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans should stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		71%	23%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	92%	6%	2%
	Republican	46%	47%	7%
	Independent	73%	23%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		44%	49%	7%
Political Party	Liberal	92%	6%	3%
	Moderate	86%	11%	3%
	Conservative	47%	45%	8%
Region	Northeast	85%	12%	3%
	Midwest	74%	23%	3%
	South	64%	29%	7%
	West	71%	23%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	78%	18%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	69%	27%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	72%	23%	5%
	College graduate	71%	24%	5%
Age	Under 45	76%	20%	5%
	45 or older	69%	25%	6%
Age	18 to 29	81%	16%	3%
	30 to 44	72%	23%	5%
	45 to 59	69%	25%	6%
	60 or older	70%	25%	5%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	79%	18%	3%
	Gen X (31-46)	72%	23%	5%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	71%	24%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	68%	25%	7%
Race	White	68%	27%	5%
	Non-white	80%	15%	5%
Gender	Men	67%	28%	5%
	Women	75%	19%	6%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	94%	4%	2%
	Disapprove	43%	48%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	71%	24%	5%
	Cell Phone	73%	20%	7%

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House of Representatives – Should Republicans Compromise Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which comes closer to your view about what you think should happen:

	Registered Voters		
	The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which statement comes closer to your view about what you think should happen:		
	The Republicans should compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans should stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	71%	23%	5%
November 29, 2010	72%	25%	3%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

House of Representatives – Will Republicans Compromise

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which comes closer to your view about what you think will happen:

		Registered Voters		
		What do you think will happen:		
		The Republicans will compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans will stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		36%	52%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	27%	63%	10%
	Republican	41%	47%	12%
	Independent	41%	48%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		48%	39%	13%
Political Party	Liberal	30%	58%	13%
	Moderate	36%	54%	10%
	Conservative	40%	47%	13%
Region	Northeast	36%	52%	12%
	Midwest	34%	54%	12%
	South	36%	53%	11%
	West	38%	50%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	54%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	55%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	50%	13%
	College graduate	34%	56%	10%
Age	Under 45	34%	57%	9%
	45 or older	37%	50%	13%
Age	18 to 29	38%	53%	9%
	30 to 44	31%	61%	9%
	45 to 59	37%	53%	10%
	60 or older	36%	48%	16%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	37%	54%	9%
	Gen X (31-46)	30%	60%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	35%	54%	11%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	40%	42%	18%
Race	White	37%	50%	12%
	Non-white	34%	58%	9%
Gender	Men	38%	52%	11%
	Women	34%	53%	13%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	33%	57%	9%
	Disapprove	39%	48%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	52%	12%
	Cell Phone	37%	53%	10%

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House of Representatives – Will Republicans Compromise Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which comes closer to your view about what you think will happen:

	Registered Voters		
	What do you think will happen:		
	The Republicans will compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans will stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	36%	52%	12%
November 29, 2010	28%	64%	7%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

Top Priority for the Next Congress

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If you had to choose, which one of the following should be the top priority for the next Congress:

		Registered Voters			
		If you had to choose, which one of the following should be the top priority for the next Congress:			
		Reduce the deficit	Cut taxes	Maintain services and benefits	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		53%	19%	23%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	44%	19%	33%	4%
	Republican	59%	25%	13%	3%
	Independent	60%	15%	21%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		60%	24%	14%	2%
Political Party	Liberal	40%	12%	41%	7%
	Moderate	61%	12%	24%	3%
	Conservative	57%	29%	12%	2%
Region	Northeast	53%	20%	21%	6%
	Midwest	51%	20%	23%	6%
	South	54%	21%	21%	4%
	West	54%	14%	29%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	24%	28%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	65%	14%	19%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	47%	22%	25%	7%
	College graduate	62%	15%	21%	2%
Age	Under 45	49%	24%	22%	6%
	45 or older	55%	17%	24%	4%
Age	18 to 29	44%	23%	25%	7%
	30 to 44	52%	24%	19%	4%
	45 to 59	57%	16%	24%	3%
	60 or older	52%	18%	25%	5%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	44%	24%	24%	7%
	Gen X (31-46)	51%	23%	22%	4%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	56%	16%	25%	3%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	54%	18%	23%	5%
Race	White	58%	16%	21%	4%
	Non-white	39%	26%	29%	6%
Gender	Men	60%	20%	17%	3%
	Women	47%	18%	29%	6%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	44%	16%	35%	5%
	Disapprove	62%	21%	12%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	19%	25%	5%
	Cell Phone	59%	20%	17%	4%

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Top Priority for the Next Congress Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If you had to choose, which one of the following should be the top priority for the next Congress:

	Registered Voters			
	If you had to choose, which one of the following should be the top priority for the next Congress:			
	Reduce the deficit	Cut taxes	Maintain services and benefits	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	53%	19%	23%	5%
December 13, 2010	47%	22%	28%	3%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

Section 3: Health Care

2010 Health Care Law

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:

		Registered Voters				
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:				
		Let it stand	Change it so it does more	Change it so it does less	Repeal it completely	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		14%	35%	13%	30%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	23%	51%	8%	9%	10%
	Republican	4%	17%	14%	57%	7%
	Independent	14%	34%	16%	29%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		7%	14%	18%	57%	4%
Political Party	Liberal	20%	57%	8%	5%	10%
	Moderate	21%	36%	16%	20%	7%
	Conservative	6%	22%	13%	54%	5%
Region	Northeast	13%	38%	18%	21%	10%
	Midwest	14%	34%	11%	29%	12%
	South	12%	32%	13%	36%	7%
	West	18%	38%	10%	27%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	42%	10%	25%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	16%	32%	16%	31%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	12%	36%	9%	32%	11%
	College graduate	16%	35%	17%	26%	6%
Age	Under 45	14%	38%	13%	26%	9%
	45 or older	14%	34%	12%	32%	8%
Age	18 to 29	9%	45%	15%	20%	11%
	30 to 44	17%	34%	11%	29%	8%
	45 to 59	15%	33%	14%	32%	7%
	60 or older	12%	35%	10%	33%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	9%	44%	14%	22%	11%
	Gen X (31-46)	18%	32%	10%	32%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	14%	35%	14%	30%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	13%	34%	11%	33%	10%
Race	White	12%	29%	13%	36%	10%
	Non-white	20%	49%	12%	13%	6%
Gender	Men	10%	32%	15%	36%	6%
	Women	17%	38%	10%	23%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	24%	56%	8%	4%	8%
	Disapprove	4%	14%	16%	59%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	15%	34%	13%	29%	9%
	Cell Phone	11%	37%	13%	31%	7%

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2010 Health Care Law Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:

	Registered Voters				
	Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:				
	Let it stand	Change it so it does more	Change it so it does less	Repeal it completely	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	14%	35%	13%	30%	9%
November 29, 2010	16%	35%	11%	33%	5%

Marist Poll Registered Voters

2010 Health Care Law – Combined Categories

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:

*“Stand or do more” percentages reporting: Let it stand and Change it so it does more
“Do less or repeal” percentages reporting: Change it so it does less and Repeal it completely*

		Registered Voters		
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:		
		Stand or do more	Do less or repeal	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		49%	42%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	74%	17%	10%
	Republican	21%	72%	7%
	Independent	49%	44%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		21%	75%	4%
Political Party	Liberal	77%	13%	10%
	Moderate	57%	36%	7%
	Conservative	27%	67%	5%
Region	Northeast	51%	39%	10%
	Midwest	49%	40%	12%
	South	44%	49%	7%
	West	56%	37%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	35%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	48%	47%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	42%	11%
	College graduate	50%	43%	6%
Age	Under 45	52%	38%	9%
	45 or older	47%	45%	8%
Age	18 to 29	54%	35%	11%
	30 to 44	52%	40%	8%
	45 to 59	48%	46%	7%
	60 or older	47%	43%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	52%	37%	11%
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	Baby Boomers (47-65)	49%	44%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	46%	43%	10%
Race	White	41%	49%	10%
	Non-white	69%	25%	6%
Gender	Men	42%	52%	6%
	Women	55%	34%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	79%	12%	8%
	Disapprove	18%	75%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	42%	9%
	Cell Phone	49%	44%	7%

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2010 Health Care Law – Combined Categories Over Time

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:

*“Stand or do more” percentages reporting: Let it stand and Change it so it does more
 “Do less or repeal” percentages reporting: Change it so it does less and Repeal it completely*

	Registered Voters		
	Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:		
	Stand or do more	Do less or repeal	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2011	49%	42%	9%
November 29, 2010	51%	44%	5%

Marist Poll Registered Voters