#### **How the Survey was Conducted**

# Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,197 Adults

This survey of 1,197 adults was conducted February 4<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 ±2.8 percentage points. There are 970 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±3.1 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	27%
	Independent	n/a	37%
	Other	n/a	2%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	19%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	15%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	16%
	Just Independents	n/a	7%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	15%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	15%
	Other	n/a	2%
Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a	10%
	Conservative	n/a	32%
	Moderate	n/a	33%
	Liberal	n/a	20%
	Very liberal	n/a	6%
ea Party Supporters		n/a	27%
Gender	Men	49%	48%
	Women	51%	52%
Age	Under 45	42%	35%
	45 or older	58%	65%
Age	18 to 29	23%	16%
	30 to 44	20%	18%
	45 to 59	31%	34%
	60 or older	27%	31%
Race	White	70%	74%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	12%	10%
	Other	6%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	23%
	South	37%	36%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	46%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	54%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	57%
	College graduate	40%	43%
Marital Status	Married	46%	52%
	Not married	54%	48%
nterview Type	Landline	60%	64%
	Cell phone	40%	36%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=1197 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 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	42%	52%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	80%	16%	5%
	Republican	7%	88%	4%
	Independent	35%	58%	7%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	88%	11%	1%
	Soft Democrats	67%	25%	8%
	Just Independents	30%	54%	16%
	Soft Republicans	8%	88%	4%
	Strong Republicans	7%	90%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	85%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	78%	19%	3%
	Moderate	44%	48%	8%
	Conservative-Very	20%	76%	4%
	conservative			
Region	Northeast	50%	44%	6%
	Midwest	44%	49%	7%
	South	38%	56%	6%
	West	41%	55%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%	47%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	41%	55%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	55%	7%
	College graduate	48%	48%	4%
Race	White	36%	61%	3%
	African American	84%	9%	7%
	Latino	46%	38%	16%
Age	18 to 29	54%	33%	12%
	30 to 44	50%	42%	8%
	45 to 59	35%	62%	3%
	60 or older	41%	56%	3%
Age	Under 45	52%	38%	10%
	45 or older	38%	59%	3%
Gender	Men	39%	56%	5%
	Women	45%	49%	6%
Marital Status	Married	35%	62%	3%
	Not married	50%	42%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	58%	2%
	Cell phone	48%	41%	12%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=970 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>\*</sup>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

Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	-	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	•	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered	Voters	41%	54%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	76%	22%	3%
	Republican	6%	89%	5%
	Independent	34%	59%	7%
Tea Party Supporters	8	19%	78%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	73%	22%	4%
	Moderate	42%	53%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	74%	4%
Region	Northeast	43%	50%	8%
8	Midwest	42%	51%	7%
	South	38%	59%	2%
	West	42%	54%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	54%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	54%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	58%	5%
	College graduate	46%	49%	5%
Race	White	34%	62%	4%
	Non-white	63%	30%	7%
Age	18 to 29	53%	35%	12%
	30 to 44	46%	48%	7%
	45 to 59	34%	64%	2%
	60 or older	39%	57%	3%
Age	Under 45	49%	42%	9%
	45 or older	37%	61%	3%
Gender	Men	38%	58%	4%
	Women	43%	51%	6%
Marital Status	Married	35%	63%	3%
	Not married	47%	46%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	37%	61%	1%
	Cell phone	47%	42%	11%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=473 MOE +/- 4.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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	43%	50%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	73%	19%	8%
	Republican	10%	87%	3%
	Independent	39%	52%	9%
Tea Party Supporters	3	18%	76%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	77%	17%	6%
	Moderate	44%	48%	8%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	72%	7%
Region	Northeast	38%	45%	17%
	Midwest	50%	48%	3%
	South	37%	57%	6%
	West	49%	44%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	50%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	49%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	52%	10%
	College graduate	50%	46%	4%
Race	White	38%	56%	6%
	Non-white	59%	30%	11%
Age	18 to 29	57%	26%	17%
	30 to 44	38%	48%	14%
	45 to 59	41%	55%	3%
	60 or older	41%	54%	4%
Age	Under 45	47%	38%	15%
	45 or older	41%	55%	4%
Gender	Men	41%	53%	6%
	Women	45%	46%	9%
Marital Status	Married	38%	58%	3%
	Not married	48%	40%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	53%	4%
	Cell phone	42%	43%	14%

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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	47%	50%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	85%	13%	2%
	Republican	10%	87%	3%
	Independent	39%	56%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	92%	8%	0%
	Soft Democrats	74%	21%	5%
	Just Independents	34%	58%	8%
	Soft Republicans	12%	86%	2%
	Strong Republicans	7%	90%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	85%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	80%	17%	2%
-	Moderate	51%	44%	5%
	Conservative-Very	22%	76%	2%
	conservative			
Region	Northeast	52%	42%	6%
	Midwest	48%	48%	3%
	South	42%	54%	4%
	West	47%	52%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	46%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	51%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	55%	3%
	College graduate	52%	44%	4%
Race	White	38%	59%	3%
	African American	88%	10%	2%
	Latino	58%	33%	9%
Age	18 to 29	60%	32%	8%
	30 to 44	54%	45%	1%
	45 to 59	39%	58%	2%
	60 or older	43%	54%	3%
Age	Under 45	57%	39%	4%
	45 or older	41%	56%	3%
Gender	Men	42%	55%	3%
	Women	51%	45%	4%
Marital Status	Married	38%	59%	3%
	Not married	56%	40%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	56%	2%
	Cell phone	54%	40%	5%

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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	22%	72%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	11%	83%	5%
	Republican	40%	58%	3%
	Independent	17%	74%	8%
Tea Party Supporters	3	25%	69%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	5%	93%	2%
	Moderate	22%	69%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	34%	60%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	78%	4%
-	Midwest	27%	68%	5%
	South	28%	67%	6%
	West	10%	81%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	20%	72%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	23%	74%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	23%	69%	8%
	College graduate	22%	76%	3%
Race	White	23%	72%	5%
	Non-white	20%	74%	6%
Age	18 to 29	27%	66%	8%
	30 to 44	18%	74%	8%
	45 to 59	23%	73%	4%
	60 or older	21%	74%	5%
Age	Under 45	22%	70%	8%
	45 or older	22%	73%	5%
Gender	Men	24%	72%	4%
	Women	21%	72%	7%
Marital Status	Married	22%	73%	4%
	Not married	22%	70%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	23%	73%	4%
	Cell phone	20%	71%	9%

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		N	Iational Registered Voter	rs
		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	33%	60%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	65%	29%	6%
	Republican	4%	93%	3%
	Independent	27%	64%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		7%	91%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	54%	38%	8%
	Moderate	36%	54%	10%
	Conservative-Very	18%	79%	2%
	conservative			
Region	Northeast	43%	52%	4%
	Midwest	28%	67%	4%
	South	34%	61%	6%
	West	29%	59%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	54%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	64%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	62%	8%
	College graduate	37%	59%	4%
Race	White	27%	69%	4%
	Non-white	48%	38%	13%
Age	18 to 29	43%	40%	16%
	30 to 44	31%	60%	8%
	45 to 59	29%	69%	2%
	60 or older	33%	61%	6%
Age	Under 45	37%	51%	12%
	45 or older	31%	65%	4%
Gender	Men	30%	65%	5%
	Women	36%	56%	8%
Marital Status	Married	27%	70%	4%
	Not married	40%	50%	10%

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39%

67%

50%

4%

11%

Interview Type

Landline

Cell phone

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 V	Voters	46%	44%	4%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	88%	7%	2%	3%
	Republican	1%	96%	1%	2%
	Independent	43%	40%	8%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	95%	2%	2%	2%
	Soft Democrats	83%	9%	3%	6%
	Just Independents	28%	31%	17%	24%
	Soft Republicans	4%	87%	6%	4%
	Strong Republicans	1%	98%	0%	1%
Tea Party Supporters	• •	18%	75%	4%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	83%	10%	4%	3%
	Moderate	49%	37%	6%	8%
	Conservative-Very	21%	71%	4%	4%
	conservative				
Region	Northeast	54%	34%	6%	6%
	Midwest	47%	42%	4%	6%
	South	42%	49%	4%	5%
	West	47%	47%	3%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	34%	4%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	49%	4%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	45%	3%	6%
	College graduate	47%	43%	6%	4%
Race	White	39%	51%	4%	6%
	African American	84%	10%	4%	2%
	Latino	60%	32%	5%	3%
Age	18 to 29	67%	25%	5%	3%
	30 to 44	50%	40%	5%	5%
	45 to 59	39%	53%	3%	5%
	60 or older	42%	46%	5%	7%
Age	Under 45	58%	33%	5%	4%
	45 or older	40%	50%	4%	6%
Gender	Men	41%	48%	6%	5%
	Women	51%	41%	3%	5%
Marital Status	Married	36%	54%	4%	6%
	Not married	58%	34%	5%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	49%	4%	5%
	Cell phone	54%	35%	5%	6%

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National Registered Voters

Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Democratic Party?

		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	•	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered V	Voters	43%	53%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	82%	16%	2%
	Republican	8%	91%	1%
	Independent	35%	56%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	90%	10%	1%
	Soft Democrats	68%	28%	4%
	Just Independents	31%	50%	20%
	Soft Republicans	9%	86%	6%
	Strong Republicans	5%	94%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	81%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	71%	27%	2%
	Moderate	46%	47%	7%
	Conservative-Very	24%	73%	3%
	conservative			
Region	Northeast	46%	50%	4%
	Midwest	44%	51%	5%
	South	40%	56%	5%
	West	44%	53%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	49%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	53%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	53%	4%
	College graduate	44%	52%	4%
Race	White	37%	58%	5%
	African American	82%	15%	2%
	Latino	46%	48%	5%
Age	18 to 29	52%	43%	5%
	30 to 44	46%	47%	7%
	45 to 59	38%	58%	4%
	60 or older	41%	56%	3%
Age	Under 45	49%	45%	6%
	45 or older	40%	57%	4%
Gender	Men	38%	59%	3%
	Women	48%	47%	6%
Marital Status	Married	36%	60%	4%
	Not married	50%	45%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	39%	58%	3%
**	Cell phone	50%	43%	7%

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National Registered Voters

Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Republican Party?

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South		35%	59%	7%
West		29%	66%	5%
Household Income Less tha	ın \$50,000	27%	65%	8%
	or more	35%	61%	5%
Education Not coll	ege graduate	35%	58%	7%
	graduate	29%	66%	5%
Race White		35%	59%	7%
African	American	21%	77%	2%
Latino		21%	68%	10%
Age 18 to 29	)	32%	64%	4%
30 to 44		24%	64%	12%
45 to 59	)	36%	59%	5%
60 or ole	der	32%	63%	5%
Age Under 4	.5	28%	64%	8%
45 or old	der	34%	61%	5%
Gender Men		34%	63%	4%
Women		31%	61%	8%
Marital Status Married		36%	59%	5%
Not mar		28%	65%	7%
Interview Type Landline	ried	2070	05/0	1 /0
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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		33%	64%	3%
National Registered	Voters	31%	66%	2%
Party Identification^	Democrat	57%	39%	4%
	Republican	8%	91%	0%
	Independent	26%	72%	2%
Tea Party Supporters	^	14%	85%	0%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	51%	47%	2%
	Moderate	36%	60%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	15%	84%	1%
Region	Northeast	39%	55%	6%
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	College graduate	36%	59%	5%
Race	White	25%	73%	3%
	Non-white	51%	45%	4%
Age	18 to 29	43%	57%	0%
	30 to 44	33%	61%	6%
	45 to 59	31%	68%	1%
	60 or older	24%	72%	5%
Age	Under 45	39%	58%	3%
	45 or older	27%	70%	3%
Gender	Men	35%	63%	3%
	Women	31%	66%	3%
Marital Status	Married	26%	72%	2%
	Not married	38%	58%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	69%	3%
	Cell phone	41%	57%	2%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=587 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points.

<sup>^</sup>National Registered Voters Split Sample: n=477 MOE +/- 4.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

National Adults

Are you very confident, confident, not very confident, or not confident at all that President Obama will be able to make headway on important issues facing the country this year?

		Very confident	Confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		7%	26%	34%	31%	2%
National Registered V	Voters	7%	26%	34%	33%	1%
Party Identification^	Democrat	16%	46%	29%	8%	2%
	Republican	0%	8%	32%	59%	1%
	Independent	4%	22%	39%	35%	1%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	24%	51%	20%	4%	1%
	Soft Democrats	6%	39%	39%	15%	1%
	Just Independents	8%	17%	30%	41%	4%
	Soft Republicans	0%	6%	41%	52%	0%
	Strong Republicans	0%	9%	26%	64%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		5%	9%	28%	56%	1%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	11%	42%	34%	12%	2%
	Moderate	6%	24%	40%	29%	1%
	Conservative-Very	5%	16%	30%	48%	1%
	conservative					
Region	Northeast	10%	21%	38%	29%	2%
	Midwest	8%	29%	32%	29%	2%
	South	6%	24%	33%	35%	2%
	West	5%	31%	33%	28%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	10%	29%	31%	27%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	4%	24%	37%	33%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	7%	27%	32%	33%	2%
	College graduate	6%	25%	38%	29%	3%
Race	White	3%	22%	36%	38%	2%
	African American	22%	51%	19%	7%	1%
	Latino	16%	29%	36%	17%	2%
Age	18 to 29	11%	33%	33%	19%	4%
	30 to 44	9%	27%	36%	25%	2%
	45 to 59	4%	24%	33%	38%	2%
	60 or older	5%	22%	34%	37%	2%
Age	Under 45	10%	30%	34%	22%	3%
	45 or older	4%	23%	33%	38%	2%
Gender	Men	5%	26%	35%	32%	2%
	Women	9%	26%	32%	30%	3%
Marital Status	Married	4%	19%	36%	40%	1%
	Not married	10%	32%	32%	23%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	5%	23%	34%	37%	1%
	Cell phone	10%	31%	33%	22%	4%

Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=1197 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>wedge}National\ Registered\ Voters:\ n=970\ MOE\ +/-\ 3.1\ percentage\ points.\ Totals\ may\ not\ add\ to\ 100\%\ due\ to\ rounding.$ 

<sup>\*</sup>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

Are you very confident, confident, not very confident, or not confident at all that the Republicans in Congress will be able to make headway on important issues facing the country this year?

		Very confident	Confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		3%	23%	43%	28%	4%
National Registered V	Voters	2%	21%	45%	29%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	2%	18%	43%	34%	2%
	Republican	3%	34%	43%	17%	3%
	Independent	2%	15%	48%	31%	3%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	2%	15%	39%	43%	1%
	Soft Democrats	2%	16%	50%	30%	1%
	Just Independents	2%	20%	29%	36%	13%
	Soft Republicans	2%	20%	53%	21%	3%
	Strong Republicans	5%	42%	37%	16%	1%
Tea Party Supporters^		4%	29%	40%	24%	2%
Political Ideology <sup>^</sup>	Very liberal-Liberal	1%	8%	47%	42%	2%
	Moderate	2%	17%	48%	30%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	4%	32%	43%	19%	2%
Region	Northeast	1%	21%	44%	30%	3%
	Midwest	3%	21%	48%	24%	4%
	South	4%	23%	40%	28%	4%
	West	2%	27%	39%	29%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	3%	27%	38%	29%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	3%	19%	49%	27%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	3%	26%	39%	27%	5%
	College graduate	2%	19%	47%	29%	2%
Race	White	3%	21%	44%	28%	4%
	African American	2%	26%	44%	26%	3%
	Latino	0%	25%	37%	33%	5%
Age	18 to 29	4%	34%	36%	20%	6%
	30 to 44	1%	19%	51%	23%	6%
	45 to 59	2%	20%	45%	31%	2%
	60 or older	3%	20%	41%	33%	3%
Age	Under 45	3%	27%	43%	21%	6%
	45 or older	3%	20%	43%	32%	2%
Gender	Men	3%	23%	42%	27%	4%
	Women	2%	23%	43%	28%	4%
Marital Status	Married	2%	21%	45%	29%	3%
	Not married	3%	25%	41%	26%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	3%	23%	42%	30%	3%
	Cell phone	3%	24%	43%	24%	6%

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National Adults

In general, what grade would you give to elected officials in Washington, D.C.? Would you give them an A, B, C, D, or an F for a failing grade?

		C, D, or an F for a failing grade?						
	_	A	В	С	D	F		
	_	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %		
National Adults		1%	12%	29%	28%	29%		
National Registered Voters		1%	10%	27%	31%	31%		
Party Identification^	Democrat	3%	20%	35%	30%	13%		
	Republican	0%	7%	28%	33%	32%		
	Independent	1%	5%	23%	30%	41%		
Tea Party Supporters^		1%	2%	33%	27%	37%		
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	3%	18%	28%	29%	22%		
	Moderate	0%	10%	24%	35%	31%		
	Conservative-Very conservative	1%	7%	28%	28%	35%		
Region	Northeast	0%	13%	34%	26%	26%		
	Midwest	1%	13%	30%	26%	29%		
	South	2%	11%	29%	22%	35%		
	West	0%	12%	24%	39%	24%		
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	2%	13%	28%	24%	32%		
	\$50,000 or more	0%	9%	32%	32%	28%		
Education	Not college graduate	2%	13%	32%	23%	30%		
	College graduate	0%	10%	26%	35%	29%		
Race	White	0%	9%	27%	33%	31%		
	Non-white	5%	22%	37%	14%	23%		
Age	18 to 29	1%	30%	28%	16%	24%		
	30 to 44	2%	12%	39%	22%	26%		
	45 to 59	1%	6%	29%	36%	29%		
	60 or older	1%	9%	23%	31%	36%		
Age	Under 45	2%	21%	33%	19%	25%		
	45 or older	1%	7%	26%	34%	32%		
Gender	Men	2%	12%	24%	25%	37%		
	Women	1%	13%	35%	30%	22%		
Marital Status	Married	2%	7%	28%	33%	31%		
	Not married	1%	17%	30%	23%	28%		
Interview Type	Landline	1%	9%	28%	28%	33%		
	Cell phone	1%	17%	31%	28%	24%		

Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted February 4th through February 9th, 2014, n=610 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>wedge}National\ Registered\ Voters\ Split\ Sample:\ n=493\ MOE\ +/-\ 4.4\ percentage\ points.\ Totals\ may\ not\ add\ to\ 100\%\ due\ to\ rounding.$