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1,008 general population age 18 and over
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Weighted by age and race

Methodology

April 15 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg Politics Poll, conducted April 6-8 for Bloomberg Politics by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on interviews with 1,008 U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone telephone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were administered in English.

Percentages based on the full probability sample may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Responses were weighted by age and race to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

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Poll Questions

Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

	Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
John Boehner , speaker of the House of Representatives	24	48	5	19	25	23	28
Mitch McConnell , majority leader in the U.S. Senate	25	35	4	21	21	14	40
The Republican Party	38	53	11	27	31	22	9
The Democratic Party	48	44	11	37	23	21	8
Hillary Clinton , former U.S. Secretary of State	48	44	18	30	15	29	8
Jeb Bush , former governor of Florida	32	42	6	26	25	17	26
Chris Christie , governor of New Jersey	28	41	6	22	28	13	31
Rand Paul , U.S. senator from Kentucky	32	31	9	23	18	13	37
Bill Clinton , former president of the United States	60	32	22	38	18	14	8
Ted Cruz , U.S. senator from Texas	30	35	10	20	15	20	35
Joe Biden , vice president of the United States	46	42	13	33	20	22	12
Marco Rubio , U.S. senator from Florida	27	27	6	21	17	10	46
Benjamin Netanyahu , prime minister of Israel	39	30	14	25	20	10	31

Scott Walker , governor of Wisconsin	21	21	9	12	10	11	58
The U.S. Congress	34	54	6	28	33	21	12
John Kerry , U.S. secretary of state	48	34	10	38	17	17	18
George W. Bush , former president of the United States	46	46	15	31	24	22	8

Do you think it would be a good thing or a bad thing for the Democratic party if Hillary Clinton faced serious competition for the presidential nomination? (**Asked only of those who identify as Democrats or independents; n=687.**)

72 Good thing
 20 Bad thing
 8 Not sure

If Hillary Clinton is the Democratic nominee, will you definitely vote for her, probably vote for her, might or might not vote for her, or definitely not vote for her?

Definitely vote for her	Probably vote for her	Might or might not vote for her	Definitely not vote for her	Not sure
18	17	25	39	1

Does the idea of electing the first woman president make you more inclined to vote for Hillary Clinton, less inclined, or does it not much matter to you?

More inclined to vote for her	Less inclined to vote for her	Does not much matter	Not sure
12	4	83	1

Do you think Hillary Clinton has been truthful in saying she turned over all emails relevant to her time as Secretary of State, or do you think she purposely withheld or deleted some relevant emails?

Truthful	Purposefully withheld or deleted some	Not sure
29	53	18

I'm going to name some of the people considering running for the Republican nomination for president, including some names I've already mentioned. For each, please tell me if this is someone you would seriously consider supporting, might consider, or would never consider supporting this person. (**Rotate list. Asked only of those identifying as Republicans or independents; n=655.**)

	Seriously Consider	Might Consider	Never Consider	Not Sure
A. John Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the U.N.	5	35	33	27
B. Jeb Bush	14	38	42	6
C. Ben Carson, retired neurosurgeon from Maryland	15	31	30	24
D. Chris Christie	8	40	42	10
E. Ted Cruz	15	35	36	14
F. Carly Fiorina, former CEO of Hewlett-Packard and candidate for U.S. Senate in California	7	31	35	27
G. Lindsey Graham, U.S. senator from South Carolina	4	31	44	21
H. Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas	15	40	36	9
I. Bobby Jindal, governor of Louisiana	10	34	31	25

J.	John Kasich, governor of Ohio	6	35	27	32
K.	George Pataki, former governor of New York	3	29	45	23
L.	Rand Paul	17	41	33	9
M.	Mike Pence, governor of Indiana	3	29	36	32
N.	Rick Perry, former governor of Texas	13	41	37	9
O.	Marco Rubio	12	41	28	19
P.	Rick Santorum, former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania	7	37	38	18
Q.	Donald Trump, a businessman from New York	9	26	62	3
R.	Scott Walker	16	33	26	25

Which of the following is a more attractive candidate for president to you: **(Read list. Alternate every other interview. Asked only of those identifying as Republicans or independents; n=655.)**

- 57 A candidate who will remain true to their principles and will confront both members of their own party as well as the opposing party, even if it means fewer bills get passed
- 40 A candidate who is committed to getting things done even if it means working out a deal through legislative compromise
- 3 Not sure

I'm going to name some of the people considering running for the Republican nomination for president. For each, please tell me if you think of them as liberal, moderate, or conservative. **(Rotate list. Asked only of those identifying as Republicans or independents; n=655.)**

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Not Sure
A. Jeb Bush	19	32	34	15
B. Marco Rubio	9	24	33	34
C. Scott Walker	7	17	35	41

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing:

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
With handling foreign policy	42	50	8

When it comes to relations between the U.S. and Israel, which of the following do you agree with more? **(Read options. Rotate.)**

- 45 Israel is an important ally, the only democracy in the region, and we should support it even if our interests diverge
- 47 Israel is an ally but we should pursue America's interests when we disagree with them
- 8 Not sure

Recently, there have been clashes between [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu] and [President Obama]. Are you more sympathetic to [Netanyahu] or to [Obama]? **(Rotate names.)**

- 34 Netanyahu
- 47 Obama
- 19 Not sure

Last week, the U.S. and five other nations struck a tentative deal with Iran. It would lift sanctions that have damaged Iran's economy in exchange for extensive inspections of any nuclear activity in Iran. Final details will be formalized in June. Are you more optimistic or more pessimistic this deal would make the world safer by containing Iran's ability to obtain nuclear weapons?

- 49 More optimistic
- 43 More pessimistic
- 8 Not sure