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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Survey March 26, 2012

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,080 Adults

This survey of 1,080 adults was conducted on March 20th through March 22nd, 2012. 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 846 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. There are 377 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 5.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Adults & Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - National Adults & Registered Voters			
		National Adults	Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
Registered Voters		78%	100%
Republicans & Republican leaning independents		35%	45%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	33%
	Republican	n/a	31%
	Independent	n/a	35%
	Other	n/a	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	n/a	29%
	No	n/a	64%
	Unsure	n/a	7%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	n/a	10%
	Support Tea Party	n/a	19%
	Does not support Tea Party	n/a	64%
	Unsure	n/a	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	5%
	Liberal	n/a	16%
	Moderate	n/a	38%
	Conservative	n/a	28%
	Very conservative	n/a	13%
First Time Voters		n/a	9%
Gender	Men	49%	48%
	Women	51%	52%
Age	Under 45	38%	30%
	45 or older	62%	70%
Age	18 to 29	18%	11%
	30 to 44	20%	19%
	45 to 59	38%	41%
	60 or older	25%	29%
Race	White	68%	73%
	African American	13%	13%
	Latino	14%	11%
	Other	4%	4%
Region	Northeast	18%	19%
	Midwest	22%	23%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	44%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	56%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	58%
	College graduate	38%	42%
Evangelical Christians		19%	20%
Interview Type	Landline	74%	78%
	Cell Phone	26%	22%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=1080 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. National Registered Voters: N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Republicans & Republican Leaning Independents

Nature of the Sample - National Republicans & Republican Leaning Independents

		Republicans & Republican leaning independents
		Col %
Republicans & Republican leaning independents		100%
Party Identification	Republican	69%
	Independent	31%
Support Tea Party	Yes	51%
	No	42%
	Unsure	6%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	20%
	Support Tea Party	31%
	Does not support Tea Party	42%
	Unsure	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	2%
	Liberal	3%
	Moderate	28%
	Conservative	45%
	Very conservative	23%
Gender	Men	52%
	Women	48%
Age	Under 45	31%
	45 or older	69%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%
	\$50,000 or more	61%
Education	Not college graduate	58%
	College graduate	42%
Evangelical Christians		29%
Interview Type	Landline	78%
	Cell Phone	22%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=377 MOE +/- 5.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Romney

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's 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		46%	44%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	4%	6%
	Republican	6%	87%	8%
	Independent	43%	44%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	79%	9%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	2%	89%	9%
	Support Tea Party	18%	73%	9%
	Does not support Tea Party	63%	29%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	82%	11%	7%
	Moderate	58%	36%	6%
	Conservative	17%	69%	14%
	Very conservative	19%	70%	11%
Political Ideology	Liberal	82%	11%	7%
	Moderate	58%	36%	6%
	Conservative	18%	69%	13%
First Time Voters		47%	44%	9%
Region	Northeast	56%	38%	6%
	Midwest	43%	49%	8%
	South	44%	45%	10%
	West	44%	43%	13%
Income	Less \$50,000	49%	41%	9%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	42%	49%	8%
	\$100,000 or more	49%	45%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	47%	12%
	College graduate	51%	42%	7%
Age	Under 45	46%	45%	9%
	45 or older	46%	44%	10%
Age	18 to 29	48%	40%	12%
	30 to 44	45%	48%	8%
	45 to 59	48%	42%	10%
	60 or older	44%	47%	9%
Race	White	40%	51%	9%
	African American	91%	6%	3%
	Latino	37%	48%	15%
Gender	Men	44%	47%	8%
	Women	48%	42%	11%
Evangelical Christians		31%	60%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	46%	45%	9%
	Cell Phone	47%	44%	10%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Romney (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

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

	Registered Voters		
	If November's/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 %
March 2012	46%	44%	9%
November 2011	48%	44%	8%
September 2011	46%	44%	10%
August 2011	46%	41%	13%
June 2011	46%	42%	11%
April 2011	46%	45%	9%
January 2011	51%	38%	11%
December 2010	44%	46%	10%
Marist Poll Registered Voters			

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Santorum

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Rick Santorum, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	43%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	5%	6%
	Republican	10%	83%	7%
	Independent	44%	45%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		14%	79%	7%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	3%	90%	7%
	Support Tea Party	20%	73%	7%
	Does not support Tea Party	66%	27%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	83%	10%	7%
	Moderate	60%	31%	9%
	Conservative	18%	71%	11%
	Very conservative	19%	76%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	83%	10%	7%
	Moderate	60%	31%	9%
	Conservative	19%	73%	9%
First Time Voters		52%	33%	15%
Region	Northeast	56%	39%	4%
	Midwest	44%	49%	7%
	South	46%	43%	11%
	West	49%	40%	11%
Income	Less \$50,000	51%	40%	8%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	45%	47%	8%
	\$100,000 or more	51%	41%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	46%	10%
	College graduate	53%	40%	7%
Age	Under 45	49%	42%	9%
	45 or older	48%	43%	9%
Age	18 to 29	54%	35%	11%
	30 to 44	47%	46%	7%
	45 to 59	49%	43%	9%
	60 or older	46%	45%	9%
Race	White	42%	50%	8%
	African American	90%	4%	6%
	Latino	42%	44%	14%
Gender	Men	47%	47%	6%
	Women	49%	40%	11%
Evangelical Christians		32%	63%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	43%	10%
	Cell Phone	51%	43%	5%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Gingrich

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Newt Gingrich, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		53%	38%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	92%	3%	5%
	Republican	14%	77%	9%
	Independent	51%	37%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	74%	9%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	7%	87%	5%
	Support Tea Party	22%	66%	12%
	Does not support Tea Party	70%	22%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	84%	9%	7%
	Moderate	67%	27%	6%
	Conservative	23%	62%	15%
	Very conservative	25%	66%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	84%	9%	7%
	Moderate	67%	27%	6%
	Conservative	24%	64%	13%
First Time Voters		59%	29%	11%
Region	Northeast	62%	31%	7%
	Midwest	48%	42%	9%
	South	50%	41%	9%
	West	54%	36%	11%
Income	Less \$50,000	56%	37%	7%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	48%	42%	10%
	\$100,000 or more	54%	38%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	50%	40%	10%
	College graduate	56%	37%	7%
Age	Under 45	53%	39%	8%
	45 or older	52%	38%	10%
Age	18 to 29	60%	29%	11%
	30 to 44	50%	45%	5%
	45 to 59	56%	34%	10%
	60 or older	47%	43%	9%
Race	White	46%	44%	11%
	African American	92%	3%	5%
	Latino	51%	43%	5%
Gender	Men	51%	42%	7%
	Women	55%	34%	11%
Evangelical Christians		35%	55%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	52%	38%	10%
	Cell Phone	55%	38%	8%

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2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Paul

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Ron Paul, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		50%	40%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	7%	5%
	Republican	15%	73%	12%
	Independent	43%	44%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	75%	10%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	3%	85%	12%
	Support Tea Party	21%	70%	9%
	Does not support Tea Party	66%	25%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	79%	14%	7%
	Moderate	61%	30%	9%
	Conservative	21%	63%	16%
	Very conservative	27%	65%	9%
Political Ideology	Liberal	79%	14%	7%
	Moderate	61%	30%	9%
	Conservative	23%	64%	14%
First Time Voters		50%	41%	10%
Region	Northeast	58%	34%	8%
	Midwest	48%	42%	10%
	South	47%	42%	11%
	West	48%	41%	11%
Income	Less \$50,000	53%	38%	9%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	46%	45%	9%
	\$100,000 or more	52%	41%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	42%	12%
	College graduate	54%	38%	8%
Age	Under 45	47%	49%	4%
	45 or older	51%	37%	13%
Age	18 to 29	48%	46%	5%
	30 to 44	46%	51%	3%
	45 to 59	53%	35%	12%
	60 or older	47%	39%	14%
Race	White	42%	47%	11%
	African American	91%	5%	5%
	Latino	47%	40%	14%
Gender	Men	49%	44%	8%
	Women	50%	37%	13%
Evangelical Christians		37%	53%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	40%	11%
	Cell Phone	52%	41%	7%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Biden against Romney/Rubio

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats	Mitt Romney and Marco Rubio, the Republicans	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		49%	44%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	4%	4%
	Republican	9%	85%	6%
	Independent	45%	43%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	79%	6%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	5%	91%	4%
	Support Tea Party	20%	73%	7%
	Does not support Tea Party	66%	27%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	85%	10%	6%
	Moderate	59%	34%	7%
	Conservative	20%	69%	11%
	Very conservative	24%	71%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	85%	10%	6%
	Moderate	59%	34%	7%
	Conservative	21%	70%	9%
First Time Voters		62%	32%	6%
Region	Northeast	59%	35%	6%
	Midwest	43%	48%	9%
	South	48%	44%	8%
	West	48%	46%	6%
Income	Less \$50,000	53%	40%	7%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	44%	48%	8%
	\$100,000 or more	51%	45%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	44%	10%
	College graduate	51%	44%	5%
Age	Under 45	49%	45%	6%
	45 or older	49%	43%	8%
Age	18 to 29	56%	35%	9%
	30 to 44	45%	51%	4%
	45 to 59	50%	41%	9%
	60 or older	48%	45%	7%
Race	White	41%	50%	9%
	African American	92%	5%	3%
	Latino	50%	46%	4%
Gender	Men	47%	46%	7%
	Women	50%	41%	8%
Evangelical Christians		38%	56%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	48%	44%	8%
	Cell Phone	52%	42%	6%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Biden against Romney/Bush

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats	Mitt Romney and Jeb Bush, the Republicans	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		47%	47%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	6%	4%
	Republican	9%	87%	4%
	Independent	42%	48%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	83%	5%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	5%	90%	5%
	Support Tea Party	16%	80%	5%
	Does not support Tea Party	64%	30%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	84%	12%	4%
	Moderate	57%	37%	6%
	Conservative	17%	74%	9%
	Very conservative	21%	72%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	84%	12%	4%
	Moderate	57%	37%	6%
	Conservative	18%	73%	8%
First Time Voters		52%	41%	7%
Region	Northeast	59%	38%	4%
	Midwest	39%	52%	9%
	South	48%	45%	7%
	West	41%	53%	6%
Income	Less \$50,000	51%	43%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	42%	53%	5%
	\$100,000 or more	48%	45%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	48%	7%
	College graduate	49%	46%	5%
Age	Under 45	46%	47%	7%
	45 or older	47%	46%	6%
Age	18 to 29	46%	48%	6%
	30 to 44	46%	46%	7%
	45 to 59	48%	45%	7%
	60 or older	46%	48%	6%
Race	White	40%	53%	7%
	African American	90%	6%	4%
	Latino	39%	57%	3%
Gender	Men	45%	50%	5%
	Women	48%	44%	8%
Evangelical Christians		33%	63%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	48%	46%	6%
	Cell Phone	43%	49%	8%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters; Interviews conducted March 21st and 22nd, 2012, N=649 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Hypothetical Presidential Tossup: Obama/Biden against Santorum/Gingrich

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		If November's presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats	Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich, the Republicans	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		51%	42%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	92%	5%	3%
	Republican	13%	81%	6%
	Independent	46%	44%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	80%	5%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	6%	88%	6%
	Support Tea Party	20%	76%	5%
	Does not support Tea Party	68%	25%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	85%	9%	6%
	Moderate	64%	31%	5%
	Conservative	19%	70%	11%
	Very conservative	25%	69%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	85%	9%	6%
	Moderate	64%	31%	5%
	Conservative	21%	70%	9%
First Time Voters		61%	29%	10%
Region	Northeast	59%	36%	4%
	Midwest	45%	48%	7%
	South	49%	42%	9%
	West	51%	41%	7%
Income	Less \$50,000	55%	40%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	48%	45%	7%
	\$100,000 or more	50%	43%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	44%	8%
	College graduate	53%	41%	6%
Age	Under 45	51%	43%	6%
	45 or older	51%	42%	8%
Age	18 to 29	58%	35%	7%
	30 to 44	47%	47%	5%
	45 to 59	52%	40%	8%
	60 or older	49%	45%	7%
Race	White	44%	49%	8%
	African American	92%	3%	5%
	Latino	53%	41%	6%
Gender	Men	50%	45%	5%
	Women	51%	40%	10%
Evangelical Christians		35%	61%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	43%	8%
	Cell Phone	54%	40%	6%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Congressional Elections

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: If November's election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate are you more likely to vote for in your district:

		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 %
Registered Voters		43%	47%	3%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	92%	4%	1%	3%
	Republican	4%	92%	1%	3%
	Independent	33%	48%	7%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		12%	81%	3%	4%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	2%	89%	4%	5%
	Support Tea Party	17%	77%	2%	4%
	Does not support Tea Party	59%	31%	3%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	78%	14%	4%	5%
	Moderate	53%	36%	2%	9%
	Conservative	17%	73%	3%	7%
	Very conservative	17%	74%	6%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	78%	14%	4%	5%
	Moderate	53%	36%	2%	9%
	Conservative	17%	73%	4%	6%
First Time Voters		37%	52%	4%	7%
Region	Northeast	47%	44%	1%	7%
	Midwest	42%	50%	2%	6%
	South	42%	46%	5%	7%
	West	44%	45%	5%	6%
Income	Less \$50,000	48%	42%	4%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	43%	50%	3%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	38%	52%	3%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	49%	3%	8%
	College graduate	46%	44%	4%	6%
Age	Under 45	40%	52%	5%	3%
	45 or older	45%	44%	3%	8%
Age	18 to 29	46%	43%	4%	7%
	30 to 44	36%	57%	5%	1%
	45 to 59	47%	41%	3%	9%
	60 or older	42%	48%	2%	7%
Race	White	37%	53%	3%	7%
	African American	83%	7%	6%	4%
	Latino	36%	55%	4%	6%
Gender	Men	40%	49%	4%	6%
	Women	46%	44%	3%	8%
Evangelical Christians		31%	63%	0%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	46%	4%	8%
	Cell Phone	48%	47%	2%	3%

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President 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%	47%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	87%	8%	5%
	Republican	13%	83%	4%
	Independent	44%	51%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	83%	2%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	3%	95%	1%
	Support Tea Party	21%	76%	3%
	Does not support Tea Party	65%	31%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	80%	15%	6%
	Moderate	58%	36%	6%
	Conservative	21%	75%	3%
	Very conservative	24%	73%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	80%	15%	6%
	Moderate	58%	36%	6%
	Conservative	22%	75%	3%
Region	Northeast	57%	37%	6%
	Midwest	42%	55%	3%
	South	46%	47%	6%
	West	47%	48%	5%
Income	Less \$50,000	53%	41%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	44%	52%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	47%	49%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	50%	5%
	College graduate	51%	45%	4%
Age	Under 45	48%	48%	4%
	45 or older	48%	47%	5%
Age	18 to 29	62%	37%	1%
	30 to 44	40%	55%	5%
	45 to 59	50%	44%	5%
	60 or older	44%	50%	6%
Race	White	40%	54%	6%
	African American	86%	9%	5%
	Latino	52%	47%	1%
Gender	Men	47%	49%	4%
	Women	48%	45%	6%
Evangelical Christians		36%	62%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	46%	49%	5%
	Cell Phone	54%	42%	4%

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President 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%
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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Congressional Republicans' Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		31%	62%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	13%	82%	5%
	Republican	57%	35%	8%
	Independent	25%	67%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		51%	46%	3%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	57%	40%	3%
	Support Tea Party	48%	50%	3%
	Does not support Tea Party	20%	73%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	13%	78%	10%
	Moderate	27%	66%	7%
	Conservative	44%	48%	8%
	Very conservative	40%	53%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	13%	78%	10%
	Moderate	27%	66%	7%
	Conservative	43%	50%	8%
Region	Northeast	31%	61%	8%
	Midwest	26%	64%	10%
	South	35%	57%	7%
	West	27%	67%	6%
Income	Less \$50,000	27%	67%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	36%	57%	7%
	\$100,000 or more	30%	66%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	59%	7%
	College graduate	27%	65%	8%
Age	Under 45	37%	53%	10%
	45 or older	28%	65%	7%
Age	18 to 29	33%	58%	9%
	30 to 44	39%	51%	10%
	45 to 59	27%	66%	7%
	60 or older	28%	64%	7%
Race	White	31%	61%	8%
	African American	21%	72%	7%
	Latino	42%	53%	5%
Gender	Men	34%	61%	5%
	Women	27%	62%	11%
Evangelical Christians		40%	53%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	29%	63%	8%
	Cell Phone	36%	57%	7%

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Congressional Republicans' Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
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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Congressional Democrats' Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		34%	59%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	67%	28%	6%
	Republican	10%	83%	7%
	Independent	26%	67%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		13%	85%	2%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	2%	97%	1%
	Support Tea Party	18%	79%	3%
	Does not support Tea Party	45%	49%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	52%	38%	10%
	Moderate	42%	51%	7%
	Conservative	18%	77%	5%
	Very conservative	19%	76%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	52%	38%	10%
	Moderate	42%	51%	7%
	Conservative	18%	77%	5%
Region	Northeast	41%	51%	8%
	Midwest	31%	61%	8%
	South	35%	59%	6%
	West	31%	62%	7%
Income	Less \$50,000	38%	54%	8%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	33%	62%	5%
	\$100,000 or more	25%	70%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	56%	8%
	College graduate	32%	63%	5%
Age	Under 45	37%	55%	9%
	45 or older	34%	60%	6%
Age	18 to 29	46%	48%	6%
	30 to 44	31%	58%	10%
	45 to 59	34%	61%	5%
	60 or older	33%	59%	8%
Race	White	28%	64%	8%
	African American	59%	36%	5%
	Latino	43%	51%	6%
Gender	Men	33%	62%	6%
	Women	36%	56%	8%
Evangelical Christians		29%	68%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	33%	59%	7%
	Cell Phone	38%	56%	6%

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Congressional Democrats' Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
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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President Obama's Handling of the Economy

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		46%	51%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	85%	13%	2%
	Republican	10%	87%	3%
	Independent	43%	54%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	82%	1%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	5%	94%	1%
	Support Tea Party	24%	76%	1%
	Does not support Tea Party	60%	37%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	77%	18%	5%
	Moderate	55%	43%	2%
	Conservative	21%	76%	3%
	Very conservative	23%	75%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	77%	18%	5%
	Moderate	55%	43%	2%
	Conservative	22%	76%	3%
Region	Northeast	54%	43%	3%
	Midwest	40%	58%	2%
	South	44%	51%	5%
	West	48%	51%	2%
Income	Less \$50,000	50%	47%	2%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	44%	53%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	44%	53%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	53%	3%
	College graduate	48%	49%	3%
Age	Under 45	45%	51%	3%
	45 or older	46%	51%	3%
Age	18 to 29	51%	45%	4%
	30 to 44	42%	55%	3%
	45 to 59	49%	48%	3%
	60 or older	43%	55%	2%
Race	White	38%	59%	3%
	African American	84%	8%	8%
	Latino	57%	43%	0%
Gender	Men	44%	54%	2%
	Women	47%	49%	4%
Evangelical Christians		36%	62%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	45%	51%	3%
	Cell Phone	47%	50%	3%

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President Obama's Handling of the Economy (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

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

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
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			

Handling Foreign Policy

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		50%	45%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	86%	9%	4%
	Republican	22%	74%	4%
	Independent	42%	52%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	79%	4%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	7%	93%	0%
	Support Tea Party	21%	72%	7%
	Does not support Tea Party	67%	28%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	77%	17%	6%
	Moderate	61%	34%	5%
	Conservative	26%	69%	5%
	Very conservative	24%	71%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	77%	17%	6%
	Moderate	61%	34%	5%
	Conservative	25%	69%	5%
Region	Northeast	59%	39%	2%
	Midwest	43%	49%	8%
	South	49%	46%	6%
	West	51%	44%	5%
Income	Less \$50,000	52%	42%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	48%	47%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	53%	45%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	47%	7%
	College graduate	55%	42%	3%
Age	Under 45	49%	47%	4%
	45 or older	50%	44%	6%
Age	18 to 29	47%	46%	6%
	30 to 44	50%	47%	3%
	45 to 59	53%	41%	5%
	60 or older	46%	48%	6%
Race	White	43%	52%	5%
	African American	88%	5%	6%
	Latino	54%	40%	7%
Gender	Men	48%	49%	3%
	Women	51%	41%	8%
Evangelical Christians		40%	55%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	46%	5%
	Cell Phone	54%	40%	6%

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Handling Foreign Policy (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
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			

President 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		50%	46%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	90%	7%	3%
	Republican	14%	84%	2%
	Independent	47%	48%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		15%	84%	1%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	2%	97%	1%
	Support Tea Party	22%	77%	1%
	Does not support Tea Party	68%	28%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	81%	15%	4%
	Moderate	64%	33%	3%
	Conservative	24%	71%	4%
	Very conservative	18%	80%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	81%	15%	4%
	Moderate	64%	33%	3%
	Conservative	22%	74%	4%
Region	Northeast	58%	39%	3%
	Midwest	46%	52%	2%
	South	50%	46%	5%
	West	49%	47%	4%
Income	Less \$50,000	55%	42%	3%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	46%	50%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	53%	47%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	47%	48%	5%
	College graduate	54%	44%	2%
Age	Under 45	46%	51%	3%
	45 or older	53%	44%	4%
Age	18 to 29	50%	47%	3%
	30 to 44	44%	53%	3%
	45 to 59	55%	41%	4%
	60 or older	49%	48%	3%
Race	White	44%	52%	4%
	African American	84%	10%	6%
	Latino	54%	46%	0%
Gender	Men	48%	50%	3%
	Women	53%	43%	4%
Evangelical Christians		39%	59%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	46%	4%
	Cell Phone	53%	44%	2%

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President 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 %
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			

Mitt Romney Favorability

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Mitt Romney?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		45%	45%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	24%	66%	10%
	Republican	69%	25%	7%
	Independent	44%	44%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		62%	31%	7%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	66%	28%	6%
	Support Tea Party	59%	33%	8%
	Does not support Tea Party	37%	54%	9%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	24%	64%	12%
	Moderate	45%	47%	9%
	Conservative	59%	32%	8%
	Very conservative	47%	42%	11%
Political Ideology	Liberal	24%	64%	12%
	Moderate	45%	47%	9%
	Conservative	55%	36%	9%
Region	Northeast	40%	47%	13%
	Midwest	47%	41%	12%
	South	45%	47%	8%
	West	45%	46%	9%
Income	Less \$50,000	42%	48%	10%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	48%	45%	7%
	\$100,000 or more	48%	48%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	44%	12%
	College graduate	46%	48%	6%
Age	Under 45	43%	45%	12%
	45 or older	45%	46%	9%
Age	18 to 29	37%	50%	14%
	30 to 44	47%	43%	10%
	45 to 59	43%	46%	10%
	60 or older	49%	44%	7%
Race	White	48%	42%	10%
	African American	24%	68%	8%
	Latino	52%	36%	12%
Gender	Men	49%	43%	8%
	Women	41%	48%	11%
Evangelical Christians		52%	39%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	45%	45%	10%
	Cell Phone	44%	45%	11%

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Rick Santorum Favorability

Asked of Registered Voters

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

		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Rick Santorum?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		39%	48%	13%
Party Identification	Democrat	14%	75%	12%
	Republican	69%	21%	10%
	Independent	39%	46%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		71%	20%	9%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	84%	13%	2%
	Support Tea Party	64%	24%	12%
	Does not support Tea Party	26%	63%	11%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	10%	78%	12%
	Moderate	30%	57%	13%
	Conservative	65%	22%	14%
	Very conservative	63%	29%	9%
Political Ideology	Liberal	10%	78%	12%
	Moderate	30%	57%	13%
	Conservative	64%	24%	12%
Region	Northeast	33%	52%	15%
	Midwest	40%	45%	15%
	South	40%	49%	11%
	West	44%	45%	11%
Income	Less \$50,000	37%	50%	14%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	42%	45%	12%
	\$100,000 or more	39%	55%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	42%	18%
	College graduate	38%	55%	7%
Age	Under 45	32%	54%	14%
	45 or older	43%	45%	12%
Age	18 to 29	22%	64%	14%
	30 to 44	37%	49%	14%
	45 to 59	42%	46%	13%
	60 or older	45%	43%	12%
Race	White	43%	44%	12%
	African American	5%	82%	13%
	Latino	50%	35%	15%
Gender	Men	43%	47%	11%
	Women	37%	49%	15%
Evangelical Christians		57%	31%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	46%	13%
	Cell Phone	36%	53%	11%

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Party which Most Closely Reflects Views on Social Issues

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Which party mostly comes closer to your views on social issues such as abortion, contraception, and same-sex marriage:

		Registered Voters		
		Which party mostly comes closer to your views on social issues such as abortion, contraception, and same-sex marriage:		
		The Democratic party	The Republican party	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		47%	44%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	85%	8%	7%
	Republican	10%	83%	7%
	Independent	44%	43%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		18%	77%	6%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	10%	85%	5%
	Support Tea Party	22%	72%	6%
	Does not support Tea Party	62%	29%	9%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	78%	15%	7%
	Moderate	60%	30%	10%
	Conservative	19%	69%	13%
	Very conservative	16%	79%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	78%	15%	7%
	Moderate	60%	30%	10%
	Conservative	18%	72%	10%
Region	Northeast	60%	33%	8%
	Midwest	45%	46%	9%
	South	41%	46%	13%
	West	47%	46%	8%
Income	Less \$50,000	49%	39%	13%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	44%	48%	8%
	\$100,000 or more	50%	46%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	44%	13%
	College graduate	52%	43%	6%
Age	Under 45	47%	45%	8%
	45 or older	47%	43%	11%
Age	18 to 29	55%	35%	11%
	30 to 44	42%	50%	7%
	45 to 59	50%	42%	9%
	60 or older	42%	44%	14%
Race	White	43%	47%	9%
	African American	71%	18%	11%
	Latino	41%	52%	8%
Gender	Men	43%	46%	11%
	Women	50%	41%	8%
Evangelical Christians		28%	67%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	43%	10%
	Cell Phone	47%	45%	8%

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Enthusiasm to Vote

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Thinking about November's presidential election, overall, would you say that you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting?

		Registered Voters			
		Thinking about November's presidential election, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting?			
		Very enthusiastic	Somewhat enthusiastic	Not too enthusiastic	Not enthusiastic at all
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		35%	37%	17%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	41%	42%	13%	4%
	Republican	38%	32%	19%	11%
	Independent	26%	38%	18%	18%
Tea Party Supporters		43%	34%	13%	10%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	57%	22%	9%	11%
	Support Tea Party	35%	40%	15%	10%
	Does not support Tea Party	33%	39%	17%	11%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	39%	41%	13%	6%
	Moderate	28%	39%	20%	13%
	Conservative	35%	38%	16%	10%
	Very conservative	47%	21%	17%	14%
Political Ideology	Liberal	39%	41%	13%	6%
	Moderate	28%	39%	20%	13%
	Conservative	39%	33%	17%	11%
Region	Northeast	31%	40%	20%	10%
	Midwest	29%	42%	20%	9%
	South	41%	32%	15%	13%
	West	34%	39%	14%	12%
Income	Less \$50,000	30%	40%	20%	9%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	39%	34%	13%	14%
	\$100,000 or more	38%	35%	18%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	38%	17%	13%
	College graduate	40%	36%	16%	8%
Age	Under 45	23%	45%	17%	15%
	45 or older	39%	34%	17%	10%
Age	18 to 29	13%	60%	17%	11%
	30 to 44	29%	36%	18%	17%
	45 to 59	37%	36%	16%	10%
	60 or older	42%	31%	19%	8%
Race	White	33%	37%	19%	11%
	African American	51%	30%	8%	11%
	Latino	29%	42%	18%	11%
Gender	Men	36%	36%	16%	12%
	Women	34%	38%	18%	10%
Evangelical Christians		38%	31%	21%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	35%	16%	12%
	Cell Phone	25%	46%	21%	9%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

President Obama's Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think President Obama is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think President Obama is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		40%	7%	47%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	7%	9%	82%	2%
	Republican	76%	4%	15%	5%
	Independent	40%	8%	44%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		72%	6%	17%	5%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	87%	1%	8%	4%
	Support Tea Party	63%	9%	22%	5%
	Does not support Tea Party	27%	7%	62%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	6%	16%	75%	3%
	Moderate	28%	6%	61%	5%
	Conservative	72%	3%	19%	6%
	Very conservative	64%	5%	22%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	6%	16%	75%	3%
	Moderate	28%	6%	61%	5%
	Conservative	69%	4%	20%	7%
Region	Northeast	30%	6%	57%	6%
	Midwest	47%	8%	40%	5%
	South	40%	6%	46%	8%
	West	41%	8%	48%	3%
Income	Less \$50,000	35%	9%	50%	6%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	43%	9%	45%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	46%	4%	49%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	9%	46%	7%
	College graduate	44%	4%	49%	3%
Age	Under 45	36%	12%	48%	4%
	45 or older	42%	5%	47%	6%
Age	18 to 29	28%	16%	52%	4%
	30 to 44	40%	10%	46%	4%
	45 to 59	41%	5%	49%	5%
	60 or older	43%	5%	44%	8%
Race	White	47%	7%	40%	6%
	African American	7%	5%	85%	4%
	Latino	35%	8%	50%	7%
Gender	Men	44%	7%	45%	4%
	Women	37%	7%	49%	7%
Evangelical Christians		57%	3%	36%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	41%	8%	46%	6%
	Cell Phone	38%	6%	51%	5%

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Mitt Romney's Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think Mitt Romney is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think Mitt Romney is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		16%	31%	40%	13%
Party Identification	Democrat	11%	51%	21%	17%
	Republican	20%	11%	60%	10%
	Independent	17%	30%	43%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		28%	14%	51%	7%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	37%	9%	51%	3%
	Support Tea Party	24%	17%	50%	9%
	Does not support Tea Party	11%	39%	36%	13%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	8%	60%	19%	13%
	Moderate	10%	34%	43%	13%
	Conservative	20%	14%	53%	13%
	Very conservative	38%	12%	40%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	8%	60%	19%	13%
	Moderate	10%	34%	43%	13%
	Conservative	26%	14%	49%	12%
Region	Northeast	11%	35%	40%	15%
	Midwest	18%	25%	40%	17%
	South	17%	31%	40%	12%
	West	15%	32%	42%	12%
Income	Less \$50,000	17%	34%	34%	15%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	18%	26%	47%	8%
	\$100,000 or more	12%	37%	44%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	16%	26%	42%	16%
	College graduate	16%	38%	37%	10%
Age	Under 45	18%	30%	43%	8%
	45 or older	14%	31%	39%	16%
Age	18 to 29	11%	37%	43%	9%
	30 to 44	22%	26%	44%	8%
	45 to 59	16%	36%	36%	12%
	60 or older	11%	24%	44%	20%
Race	White	15%	27%	44%	13%
	African American	14%	44%	23%	19%
	Latino	21%	33%	41%	5%
Gender	Men	19%	26%	42%	12%
	Women	12%	34%	39%	15%
Evangelical Christians		24%	22%	42%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	15%	30%	41%	14%
	Cell Phone	18%	33%	39%	10%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Rick Santorum's Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think Rick Santorum is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think Rick Santorum is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		10%	40%	37%	13%
Party Identification	Democrat	14%	58%	15%	13%
	Republican	4%	18%	65%	12%
	Independent	9%	44%	33%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	17%	64%	8%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	12%	11%	73%	4%
	Support Tea Party	11%	21%	59%	9%
	Does not support Tea Party	10%	53%	24%	13%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	5%	65%	15%	16%
	Moderate	12%	50%	26%	12%
	Conservative	8%	20%	57%	14%
	Very conservative	12%	13%	65%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	5%	65%	15%	16%
	Moderate	12%	50%	26%	12%
	Conservative	10%	18%	60%	13%
Region	Northeast	6%	51%	28%	15%
	Midwest	5%	39%	39%	16%
	South	14%	35%	39%	11%
	West	9%	40%	38%	13%
Income	Less \$50,000	12%	34%	39%	15%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	7%	39%	40%	13%
	\$100,000 or more	5%	60%	28%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	12%	30%	40%	18%
	College graduate	7%	53%	33%	7%
Age	Under 45	12%	41%	33%	14%
	45 or older	8%	40%	39%	13%
Age	18 to 29	8%	45%	29%	19%
	30 to 44	14%	39%	35%	12%
	45 to 59	9%	41%	38%	12%
	60 or older	7%	38%	40%	15%
Race	White	8%	39%	39%	15%
	African American	25%	48%	18%	10%
	Latino	9%	37%	44%	11%
Gender	Men	10%	41%	38%	11%
	Women	10%	39%	36%	15%
Evangelical Christians		11%	24%	56%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	9%	41%	38%	13%
	Cell Phone	13%	38%	34%	15%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Current Economic Conditions Inherited

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?		
		Economic conditions mostly inherited	Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		58%	37%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	86%	10%	4%
	Republican	29%	65%	6%
	Independent	59%	37%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		25%	70%	5%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	15%	79%	6%
	Support Tea Party	30%	66%	4%
	Does not support Tea Party	75%	21%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	88%	11%	1%
	Moderate	72%	24%	5%
	Conservative	35%	58%	7%
	Very conservative	21%	72%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	88%	11%	1%
	Moderate	72%	24%	5%
	Conservative	30%	62%	7%
Region	Northeast	65%	32%	3%
	Midwest	54%	41%	5%
	South	56%	38%	6%
	West	60%	35%	6%
Income	Less \$50,000	59%	36%	5%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	57%	39%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	59%	37%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	55%	41%	4%
	College graduate	62%	32%	6%
Age	Under 45	60%	33%	7%
	45 or older	57%	39%	4%
Age	18 to 29	63%	32%	5%
	30 to 44	59%	34%	7%
	45 to 59	59%	36%	5%
	60 or older	55%	42%	3%
Race	White	55%	40%	5%
	African American	86%	12%	2%
	Latino	47%	46%	7%
Gender	Men	55%	40%	5%
	Women	61%	34%	5%
Evangelical Christians		41%	53%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	57%	38%	4%
	Cell Phone	61%	32%	7%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Current Economic Conditions Inherited (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?		
	Economic conditions mostly inherited	Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
March 2012	58%	37%	5%
November 2011	60%	32%	8%
September 2011	60%	34%	6%
August 2011	59%	33%	8%
June 2011	61%	31%	9%
April 2011	63%	30%	7%
January 2011	63%	25%	12%
November 29, 2010	65%	28%	8%
October 28, 2010	60%	30%	10%
October 8, 2010	61%	33%	6%
September 21, 2010	59%	35%	6%
June 30, 2010	62%	28%	10%
March 31, 2010	64%	27%	9%
February 8, 2010	62%	29%	9%
December 8, 2009	65%	27%	8%
October 14, 2009	70%	24%	6%
August 12, 2009	74%	18%	8%
June 8, 2009	74%	18%	8%
April 27, 2009	80%	14%	6%
April 8, 2009	76%	13%	11%
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Right or Wrong Direction of the Country

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 %
National Adults		43%	53%	4%
Registered Voters		42%	55%	4%
Party Identification^	Democrat	77%	19%	4%
	Republican	12%	86%	2%
	Independent	35%	60%	5%
Tea Party Supporters^		14%	85%	1%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	3%	96%	1%
	Support Tea Party	20%	80%	1%
	Does not support Tea Party	55%	40%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	68%	27%	5%
	Moderate	52%	44%	4%
	Conservative	20%	77%	3%
	Very conservative	18%	81%	1%
Political Ideology^	Liberal	68%	27%	5%
	Moderate	52%	44%	4%
	Conservative	19%	78%	2%
Region	Northeast	51%	45%	4%
	Midwest	38%	57%	5%
	South	41%	56%	3%
	West	43%	51%	6%
Income	Less \$50,000	41%	52%	7%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	47%	52%	2%
	\$100,000 or more	45%	54%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	55%	5%
	College graduate	47%	49%	4%
Age	Under 45	42%	54%	4%
	45 or older	44%	52%	5%
Age	18 to 29	47%	48%	6%
	30 to 44	37%	61%	2%
	45 to 59	45%	51%	4%
	60 or older	42%	53%	5%
Race	White	35%	62%	4%
	African American	84%	13%	3%
	Latino	48%	48%	5%
Gender	Men	42%	53%	5%
	Women	43%	53%	4%
Evangelical Christians		37%	59%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	53%	4%
	Cell Phone	42%	53%	6%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=1080 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

^National Registered Voters: N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Right or Wrong 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 %
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

2012 Republican Presidential Primary

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: If this year's Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents				
		If the 2012 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:				
		Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Newt Gingrich	Ron Paul	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		39%	31%	13%	13%	4%
Party Identification	Republican	37%	33%	13%	12%	5%
	Independent	44%	27%	12%	15%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		34%	37%	13%	15%	1%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	27%	42%	18%	13%	1%
	Support Tea Party	38%	35%	10%	16%	1%
	Does not support Tea Party	47%	23%	13%	12%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal-Moderate	52%	20%	9%	12%	6%
	Conservative	33%	36%	14%	13%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal-Moderate	52%	20%	9%	12%	6%
	Conservative	34%	37%	15%	9%	5%
	Very conservative	32%	34%	13%	19%	1%
Income	Less \$50,000	29%	31%	14%	23%	3%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	39%	36%	12%	8%	5%
	\$100,000 or more	53%	26%	11%	8%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	32%	14%	14%	4%
	College graduate	43%	30%	10%	11%	5%
Age	Under 45	35%	29%	8%	21%	7%
	45 or older	41%	32%	15%	9%	3%
Gender	Men	35%	32%	15%	14%	4%
	Women	44%	30%	10%	12%	5%
Evangelical Christians		27%	46%	14%	11%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	40%	31%	14%	10%	4%
	Cell Phone	38%	30%	6%	22%	4%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=377 MOE +/- 5.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

2012 Republican Presidential Primary without Gingrich and Paul

Asked of Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents

Question Wording: How about if the candidates are:

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		And how about if the candidates are:		
		Mitt Romney	Rick Santorum	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		50%	44%	6%
Party Identification	Republican	49%	44%	7%
	Independent	52%	43%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		45%	54%	1%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	34%	65%	1%
	Support Tea Party	51%	47%	2%
	Does not support Tea Party	57%	33%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal-Moderate	64%	29%	7%
	Conservative	43%	51%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal-Moderate	64%	29%	7%
	Conservative	45%	50%	6%
	Very conservative	41%	54%	5%
Income	Less \$50,000	46%	47%	7%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	47%	47%	6%
	\$100,000 or more	60%	35%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	45%	6%
	College graduate	51%	42%	7%
Age	Under 45	53%	40%	7%
	45 or older	48%	46%	6%
Gender	Men	49%	46%	5%
	Women	51%	41%	8%
Evangelical Christians		31%	59%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	44%	6%
	Cell Phone	48%	43%	8%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican Leaning Independents: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=377 MOE +/- 5.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.