

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,204 Adults

This survey of 1,204 adults was conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013. 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 landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.8 percentage points. There are 980 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	25%
	Independent	n/a	37%
	Other	n/a	4%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	22%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	13%
Political Ideology	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	11%
	Just Independents	n/a	13%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	13%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	13%
	Other	n/a	4%
	Very conservative	n/a	10%
	Conservative	n/a	29%
	Moderate	n/a	36%
	Liberal	n/a	19%
Gender	Men	49%	47%
	Women	51%	53%
Age	Under 45	45%	39%
	45 or older	55%	61%
Age	18 to 29	22%	16%
	30 to 44	23%	22%
	45 to 59	27%	29%
	60 or older	28%	32%
Race	White	67%	70%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	14%	13%
	Other	7%	5%
Region	Northeast	18%	17%
	Midwest	22%	24%
	South	37%	38%
	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%
Interview Type	Landline	64%	67%
	Cell Phone	36%	33%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013, 2012, n=1204 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

National Registered Voters: n=980 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		41%	48%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	76%	15%	8%
	Republican	14%	76%	10%
	Independent	30%	59%	10%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	68%	20%	12%
	Moderate	41%	45%	14%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	70%	7%
Region	Northeast	46%	48%	5%
	Midwest	35%	50%	15%
	South	40%	49%	10%
	West	43%	45%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	42%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	41%	50%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	46%	15%
	College graduate	43%	51%	6%
Race	White	34%	57%	9%
	Non-white	59%	26%	15%
Age	18 to 29	46%	38%	16%
	30 to 44	40%	48%	12%
	45 to 59	35%	52%	12%
	60 or older	43%	50%	7%
Age	Under 45	43%	43%	14%
	45 or older	40%	51%	9%
Gender	Men	37%	53%	10%
	Women	44%	44%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	39%	53%	8%
	Cell Phone	45%	38%	17%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013, n=980 MOE +/- 3.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
July 2013	41%	48%	11%
April 2013	50%	46%	4%
March 2013	45%	48%	7%
December 2012	50%	44%	6%
November 2012	50%	46%	4%
July 2012	47%	47%	6%
March 2012	48%	47%	5%
November 2011	43%	50%	7%
September 2011	39%	52%	9%
August 2011	44%	46%	10%
June 2011	45%	47%	8%
April 2011	44%	49%	6%
January 2011	48%	43%	9%
December 2010	42%	50%	8%
November 23, 2010	45%	48%	7%
October 28, 2010	48%	43%	9%
October 8, 2010	43%	50%	7%
September 22, 2010	45%	50%	5%
June 30, 2010	44%	45%	11%
March 31, 2010	46%	43%	11%
February 8, 2010	44%	47%	9%
December 8, 2009	46%	44%	10%
October 14, 2009	53%	41%	6%
August 12, 2009	55%	35%	10%
June 8, 2009	56%	32%	12%
April 27, 2009	55%	31%	14%
April 8, 2009	56%	30%	14%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%	46%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	82%	13%	5%
	Republican	19%	73%	7%
	Independent	36%	56%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	75%	22%	3%
	Moderate	50%	39%	11%
	Conservative-Very conservative	25%	69%	6%
Region	Northeast	48%	46%	5%
	Midwest	39%	51%	10%
	South	49%	44%	7%
	West	50%	44%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	36%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	45%	51%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	46%	9%
	College graduate	48%	46%	5%
Race	White	39%	57%	5%
	Non-white	68%	18%	15%
Age	18 to 29	63%	23%	14%
	30 to 44	49%	43%	8%
	45 to 59	35%	63%	3%
	60 or older	46%	47%	7%
Age	Under 45	55%	35%	10%
	45 or older	41%	54%	5%
Gender	Men	40%	54%	7%
	Women	53%	39%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	54%	5%
	Cell Phone	56%	31%	13%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013, n=512 MOE +/- 4.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		41%	48%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	66%	24%	9%
	Republican	22%	68%	10%
	Independent	34%	56%	11%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	64%	28%	8%
	Moderate	44%	40%	16%
	Conservative-Very conservative	23%	69%	7%
Region	Northeast	42%	52%	6%
	Midwest	39%	43%	18%
	South	43%	50%	7%
	West	39%	49%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	45%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	49%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	48%	13%
	College graduate	44%	49%	7%
Race	White	37%	54%	9%
	Non-white	54%	32%	14%
Age	18 to 29	52%	27%	20%
	30 to 44	40%	52%	8%
	45 to 59	37%	56%	7%
	60 or older	41%	50%	9%
Age	Under 45	45%	41%	13%
	45 or older	39%	53%	8%
Gender	Men	36%	57%	8%
	Women	47%	41%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	53%	9%
	Cell Phone	49%	39%	12%

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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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		37%	56%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	72%	23%	4%
	Republican	13%	81%	6%
	Independent	24%	68%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	61%	34%	5%
	Moderate	39%	52%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	19%	76%	5%
Region	Northeast	33%	64%	4%
	Midwest	35%	57%	8%
	South	40%	54%	7%
	West	38%	54%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	49%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	60%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	35%	57%	8%
	College graduate	40%	55%	5%
Race	White	29%	65%	6%
	Non-white	57%	34%	9%
Age	18 to 29	36%	52%	12%
	30 to 44	43%	48%	9%
	45 to 59	27%	68%	4%
	60 or older	44%	52%	5%
Age	Under 45	40%	50%	10%
	45 or older	36%	60%	4%
Gender	Men	32%	63%	5%
	Women	42%	50%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	35%	60%	4%
	Cell Phone	41%	48%	11%

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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%
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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		33%	57%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	68%	24%	9%
	Republican	8%	88%	4%
	Independent	21%	67%	12%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	62%	30%	7%
	Moderate	31%	56%	13%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	75%	7%
Region	Northeast	24%	72%	5%
	Midwest	30%	58%	12%
	South	37%	52%	10%
	West	37%	54%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	39%	50%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	62%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	56%	11%
	College graduate	34%	59%	7%
Race	White	24%	68%	7%
	Non-white	55%	30%	15%
Age	18 to 29	40%	44%	16%
	30 to 44	39%	49%	12%
	45 to 59	25%	70%	5%
	60 or older	33%	60%	7%
Age	Under 45	39%	47%	14%
	45 or older	29%	65%	6%
Gender	Men	31%	61%	8%
	Women	36%	53%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	63%	7%
	Cell Phone	40%	46%	14%

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	Row %	Row %	Row %
July 2013	33%	57%	10%
April 2013	32%	62%	6%
March 2013	31%	62%	7%
December 2012	35%	58%	7%
March 2012	34%	59%	7%
November 2011	28%	65%	7%
September 2011	30%	63%	7%
August 2011	35%	55%	11%
June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%
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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%	66%	12%
Party Identification	Democrat	18%	73%	9%
	Republican	35%	56%	8%
	Independent	20%	66%	14%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	14%	81%	5%
	Moderate	23%	62%	15%
	Conservative-Very conservative	28%	61%	11%
Region	Northeast	26%	64%	10%
	Midwest	20%	68%	12%
	South	23%	63%	14%
	West	18%	72%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	24%	65%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	20%	72%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	24%	64%	12%
	College graduate	19%	71%	10%
Race	White	20%	70%	9%
	Non-white	26%	58%	16%
Age	18 to 29	26%	53%	21%
	30 to 44	19%	69%	13%
	45 to 59	25%	68%	7%
	60 or older	20%	70%	10%
Age	Under 45	22%	62%	16%
	45 or older	22%	69%	8%
Gender	Men	23%	69%	8%
	Women	21%	63%	15%
Interview Type	Landline	21%	70%	9%
	Cell Phone	23%	60%	18%

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	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
July 2013	22%	66%	12%
April 2013	24%	71%	6%
March 2013	26%	68%	7%
December 2012	26%	67%	7%
March 2012	31%	62%	8%
November 2011	23%	70%	7%
September 2011	26%	67%	8%
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%
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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

National Adults				
In general, is it more important for government officials to:				
		Compromise to find solutions	Stand on principle even if it means gridlock	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		65%	27%	8%
National Registered Voters		66%	27%	7%
Party Identification^	Democrat	82%	14%	4%
	Republican	50%	41%	9%
	Independent	67%	28%	5%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	82%	10%	7%
	Moderate	79%	16%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	47%	46%	7%
Region	Northeast	68%	28%	5%
	Midwest	74%	18%	8%
	South	58%	34%	9%
	West	67%	24%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	65%	24%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	69%	28%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	63%	28%	10%
	College graduate	71%	26%	3%
Race	White	65%	28%	7%
	Non-white	67%	25%	8%
Age	18 to 29	73%	24%	3%
	30 to 44	64%	27%	8%
	45 to 59	66%	28%	6%
	60 or older	63%	25%	12%
Age	Under 45	68%	26%	6%
	45 or older	65%	26%	9%
Gender	Men	63%	32%	5%
	Women	67%	22%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	65%	28%	8%
	Cell Phone	67%	24%	8%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013, n=557 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=468 MOE +/- 4.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		30%	60%	11%
National Registered Voters		28%	62%	10%
Party Identification^	Democrat	55%	35%	10%
	Republican	10%	82%	9%
	Independent	22%	67%	10%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	47%	41%	12%
	Moderate	29%	59%	12%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	78%	5%
Region	Northeast	35%	52%	13%
	Midwest	30%	63%	7%
	South	27%	61%	13%
	West	29%	62%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	26%	63%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	54%	12%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	62%	11%
	College graduate	32%	57%	10%
Race	White	24%	65%	11%
	Non-white	43%	49%	8%
Age	18 to 29	33%	62%	5%
	30 to 44	25%	60%	14%
	45 to 59	32%	57%	11%
	60 or older	28%	61%	11%
Age	Under 45	29%	61%	10%
	45 or older	30%	59%	11%
Gender	Men	28%	64%	7%
	Women	31%	56%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	27%	62%	11%
	Cell Phone	35%	55%	10%

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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 %
July 2013	30%	60%	11%
April 2013	38%	58%	4%
March 2013	35%	60%	5%
December 2012	40%	55%	5%
March 2012	43%	53%	4%
November 2011	25%	70%	4%
September 2011	22%	73%	5%
August 2011	21%	70%	10%
June 2011	32%	59%	9%
April 2011	31%	64%	5%
January 2011	41%	47%	12%
December 2010	34%	58%	8%
November 23, 2010	41%	53%	6%
October 28, 2010	38%	52%	10%
September 22, 2010	41%	56%	3%
July 6, 2010	37%	56%	7%
March 31, 2010	43%	53%	4%
February 8, 2010	38%	54%	8%
December 8, 2009	46%	46%	8%
October 14, 2009	47%	47%	6%
August 12, 2009	50%	42%	8%
June 8, 2009	50%	40%	10%
April 27, 2009	44%	44%	12%
April 15, 2009	49%	40%	11%
November 2007	23%	67%	10%
May 2007	26%	65%	9%
February 2007	29%	63%	8%
December 2006	31%	60%	9%
October 2006	33%	58%	9%
February 2006	34%	61%	5%
October 2005	31%	62%	7%
May 2005	38%	56%	6%
February 2005	47%	48%	5%
October 21, 2004	42%	55%	3%
October 07, 2004	39%	53%	8%
September 2004	38%	52%	10%
August 2004	40%	48%	12%
July 2004	37%	52%	11%
April 2004	43%	51%	6%
March 2004	43%	52%	5%
November 2003	45%	48%	7%
April 2003	55%	34%	11%
January 2003	42%	48%	10%
October 2002	45%	46%	9%
April 2002	60%	32%	8%
January 2002	60%	30%	10%
March 2001	41%	44%	15%
January 2001	56%	32%	12%
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