



## **More than Six in Ten Unhappy with Obama on Deficit... Handling of Economy at New Low**

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### **This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:**

President Barack Obama met with Senate leaders yesterday to jumpstart stalled budget talks, but do voters nationwide agree with how the president is handling the federal budget deficit?

According to this McClatchy-Marist poll, 61% of voters *disapprove* of how the president is handling the deficit. Fewer than one-third -- 31% -- approve, and 8% are unsure.

"President Obama is increasingly focusing on and is the focus of budget negotiations," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Once again, it seems the buck stops in the oval office."

While a majority of Democrats -- 56% -- approve of the president's performance on the issue of the deficit, nearly four in ten -- 37% -- disapprove, and 8% are unsure. True to party lines, most Republicans -- 89% -- disapprove of the president's fiscal management while only 7% approve. Four percent of Republicans are unsure. Among independent voters nationally, 65% disapprove of how the president is dealing with the budget deficit, and 26% approve. Nine percent of independents are unsure.

Voters are also voicing their dissatisfaction over the president's handling of the economy. In fact, President Obama's rating on the economy has hit an all-time low. Just 37% of registered voters nationally approve of the way the president is handling the economy while nearly six in ten -- 58% -- disapprove. Five percent are unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in April, 40% gave the president high marks on how he was dealing with the economy while 57% rated his performance as sub-par. Three percent, at the time, were unsure.

However, many voters still don't blame President Obama for the nation's current economic conditions. 61% report the president inherited them while 31% think they are the result of his own policies. Nine percent are unsure. Little has changed on this question since McClatchy-Marist's previous survey. In April, 63% thought the president faced these trying

economic conditions when he entered office while 30% said his policies created them. Seven percent, at the time, were unsure.

### **Majority Supports President's Handling of War in Afghanistan, But War Viewed as Not Worth Fighting**

President Obama scores higher on his handling of the war in Afghanistan than he does on the economy. 53% say they approve of the president's actions while 39% disapprove. Eight percent are unsure. During the time period this McClatchy-Marist Poll was conducted, the president addressed the nation and shared his plans for withdrawing troops from the region. Did his address influence voters' views toward his handling of the conflict? It did not. Similar proportions of voters before and after his speech approve of the president's approach.

But, where do voters stand on bringing the troops home? Only 14% of registered voters think the United States has important work to do in Afghanistan and should keep the number of soldiers deployed at its current level. 38% believe there is still work to be done in Afghanistan, but some of the troops should return home now. However, 43% report the mission in Afghanistan is complete, and the troops should return home now. Five percent are unsure.

A majority of voters -- 54% -- say that, when thinking about the war's costs and benefits to the United States, the nearly decade long conflict has not been worth fighting. Four in ten -- 40% -- disagree and report it has been worth the effort. Six percent are unsure.

While views differ along party lines, even 43% of Republicans don't think the war has been worth the costs. This compares with 62% of Democrats and 54% of independent voters who share this view.

### **Obama Receives Mixed Reviews on Libya**

Voters divide about how the president is handling the situation in Libya. 44% of voters nationally approve of his methods while 40% disapprove. 16% are unsure. In April, 44% approved, and 46% disapproved. Looking at party, 64% of Democrats approve of the president's actions, 23% disapprove, and 13% are unsure.

Among Republicans, nearly six in ten -- 57% -- disapprove of how President Obama is handling the situation in Libya. 25% approve, and 18% are unsure. Independent voters divide. 43% disapprove while 41% approve. 16% are unsure.

### **Overall Approval Rating Stuck in Mid 40's... Half View President Favorably**

So, what does all of this mean for the president's overall job approval rating? Voters divide. 45% approve of how Mr. Obama is performing in office while 47% disapprove. Eight percent are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's April survey, 44% thought highly of how the president was doing in office, 49% disapproved, and 6%, at the time, were unsure.

President Obama continues to struggle with independent voters. A slim majority of these voters -- 51% -- *disapprove* of the president's job performance while 39% approve. 10% are unsure. Little has changed among independent voters since April. At that time, 51% disapproved of the president's job performance, 42% approved, and 8% were unsure.

When it comes to Mr. Obama's favorability, half of voters -- 50% -- think well of him while 44% have a less than stellar impression of him. Six percent are unsure. In April, when 48% had a favorable view of the president, 48% also held an unfavorable impression of Mr. Obama, and 5% were unsure.

### **Capitol Failures? Many Disapprove of Congressional Democrats and Republicans**

President Obama's job approval rating isn't the only one that's struggling. Registered voters are voicing their dissatisfaction with Democrats and Republicans in Congress. 63% say they disapprove of the job Republicans are doing in office while 27% approve. 10% are unsure. There is relatively no change on this question since April. At that time, 63% disapproved of how Republicans in office were doing their job, 30% approved, and 7% were unsure.

Democrats in Congress don't fare any better. 60% of registered voters give them a thumbs-down while 30% praise the job they are doing. 10% are unsure. In April, 60% disapproved of their job performance, 34% approved, and 6%, at that time, were unsure.

### **Americans Pessimistic about Nation's Direction**

Nearly six in ten American adults -- 59% -- report the country is moving in the wrong direction. However, 32% believe it is moving on the right path. Nine percent are unsure. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in April, 64% thought the nation needed a new compass, 31% believed the country was traveling along the right course, and 5% were unsure.

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,003 Adults**

This survey of 1,003 adults was conducted on June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. There are 801 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
<b>National Adults</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>80%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>51%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>42%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>21%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>25%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>33%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>74%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>26%</b>

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=1003 MOE +/- 3%.  
Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters		
		Registered Voters
		Col %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Interview Date</b>	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	72%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	28%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	34%
	Republican	27%
	Independent	38%
	Other	1%
<b>Support Tea Party</b>	Yes	25%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	21%
	Moderate	36%
	Conservative	43%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	24%
	South	37%
	West	20%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	47%
	\$50,000 or more	53%
<b>Race</b>	White	71%
	African American	10%
	Latino	10%
	Other	9%
<b>Race</b>	White	71%
	Non-white	29%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	37%
	45 or older	63%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	15%
	Gen X (31-46)	25%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	36%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	24%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	47%
	Women	53%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	77%
	Cell Phone	23%

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=801 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

## President Obama Handling of the Federal Budget Deficit

*Asked of Registered Voters*

**Question Wording:** Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the federal budget deficit?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the federal budget deficit?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>31%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>11%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Interview Date</b>	<b>Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>30 to 44</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>45 to 59</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>60 or older</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>18%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>16%</b>

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## President Obama 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		37%	58%	5%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	63%	31%	6%
	Republican	9%	91%	<1%
	Independent	34%	60%	6%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		13%	87%	<1%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	61%	33%	5%
	Moderate	41%	54%	5%
	Conservative	21%	77%	3%
<b>Interview Date</b>	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	38%	57%	5%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	34%	61%	6%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	36%	57%	7%
	Midwest	37%	61%	2%
	South	35%	61%	4%
	West	42%	50%	9%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	36%	59%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	57%	5%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	36%	58%	6%
	College graduate	37%	58%	5%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	40%	54%	6%
	45 or older	35%	61%	4%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	37%	50%	12%
	30 to 44	42%	56%	2%
	45 to 59	35%	63%	2%
	60 or older	36%	58%	6%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	40%	49%	12%
	Gen X (31-46)	39%	59%	3%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	36%	62%	2%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	36%	57%	7%
<b>Race</b>	White	31%	65%	4%
	Non-white	51%	40%	9%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	34%	60%	5%
	Women	39%	56%	5%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	37%	60%	4%
	Cell Phone	37%	53%	9%

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## President Obama 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
	Row %	Row %
June 2011	37%	58%
April 2011	40%	57%
January 2011	44%	48%
November 23, 2010	42%	55%
September 21, 2010	41%	56%
June 30, 2010	46%	48%
March 31, 2010	46%	49%
December 8, 2009	45%	51%
October 14, 2009	48%	47%
August 12, 2009	52%	41%
June 8, 2009	53%	41%
April 8, 2009	54%	37%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters		

## 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		61%	31%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	81%	12%	6%
	Republican	30%	61%	9%
	Independent	64%	26%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		29%	65%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	82%	13%	5%
	Moderate	72%	21%	6%
	Conservative	41%	48%	12%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	61%	30%	9%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	60%	33%	7%
Region	Northeast	70%	23%	7%
	Midwest	55%	36%	9%
	South	59%	32%	9%
	West	62%	29%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	59%	33%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	67%	26%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	32%	8%
	College graduate	63%	27%	10%
Age	Under 45	61%	32%	8%
	45 or older	61%	30%	9%
Age	18 to 29	64%	28%	8%
	30 to 44	59%	34%	7%
	45 to 59	66%	27%	7%
	60 or older	57%	33%	11%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	64%	28%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	58%	34%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	66%	26%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	54%	35%	11%
Race	White	60%	33%	7%
	Non-white	64%	25%	12%
Gender	Men	59%	32%	9%
	Women	62%	29%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	60%	31%	9%
	Cell Phone	62%	28%	10%

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## 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 %
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%

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters**

## President Obama Handling of the War in Afghanistan

*Asked of Registered Voters*

**Question Wording:** Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the war in Afghanistan?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the war in Afghanistan?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		53%	39%	8%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	70%	25%	5%
	Republican	39%	53%	8%
	Independent	50%	41%	9%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		41%	55%	4%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	71%	23%	7%
	Moderate	60%	32%	8%
	Conservative	42%	53%	5%
<b>Interview Date</b>	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	54%	39%	7%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	51%	41%	8%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	61%	31%	8%
	Midwest	50%	43%	7%
	South	51%	41%	7%
	West	53%	39%	8%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	47%	45%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	61%	35%	5%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	52%	42%	6%
	College graduate	56%	36%	8%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	57%	32%	11%
	45 or older	51%	43%	5%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	48%	38%	14%
	30 to 44	62%	29%	9%
	45 to 59	59%	37%	4%
	60 or older	44%	50%	6%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	47%	40%	13%
	Gen X (31-46)	63%	29%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	57%	39%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	41%	51%	8%
<b>Race</b>	White	50%	43%	7%
	Non-white	61%	31%	8%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	50%	40%	10%
	Women	56%	39%	5%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	52%	42%	6%
	Cell Phone	58%	30%	13%

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## Troop Withdrawal from Afghanistan

*Asked of Registered Voters*

**Question Wording:** Which comes closer to your view, the U.S. has accomplished its mission in Afghanistan and should bring troops home now, the U.S. still has important work to do in Afghanistan but should bring some troops home now, or the U.S. has important work to do in Afghanistan and should maintain its current level of troops there?

		Registered Voters			
		Which comes closer to your view:			
		The US has accomplished its mission in Afghanistan and should bring troops home now	The US still has important work to do in Afghanistan but should bring some troops home now	The US has important work to do in Afghanistan and should maintain its current level of troops there	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		43%	38%	14%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	52%	39%	4%	5%
	Republican	39%	36%	21%	3%
	Independent	39%	36%	19%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		40%	35%	23%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	47%	39%	7%	7%
	Moderate	39%	46%	13%	2%
	Conservative	43%	33%	19%	5%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	42%	38%	15%	5%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	45%	37%	11%	7%
Region	Northeast	39%	43%	12%	6%
	Midwest	47%	34%	15%	4%
	South	44%	35%	14%	6%
	West	40%	41%	13%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	32%	13%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	44%	15%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	33%	13%	6%
	College graduate	37%	44%	15%	4%
Age	Under 45	41%	41%	14%	4%
	45 or older	45%	35%	14%	6%
Age	18 to 29	40%	39%	16%	5%
	30 to 44	42%	43%	12%	3%
	45 to 59	45%	39%	14%	1%
	60 or older	44%	32%	14%	10%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	40%	40%	15%	5%
	Gen X (31-46)	43%	42%	13%	3%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	43%	39%	15%	3%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	46%	30%	13%	11%
Race	White	40%	40%	16%	4%
	Non-white	52%	31%	9%	8%
Gender	Men	41%	35%	19%	5%
	Women	45%	40%	9%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	38%	14%	6%
	Cell Phone	45%	38%	13%	4%

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## Worth Fighting War in Afghanistan

*Asked of Registered Voters*

**Question Wording:** Thinking about the costs and benefits to the United States of the war in Afghanistan, overall, do you think it has been worth fighting or has it not been worth fighting?

		Registered Voters		
		Thinking about the costs and benefits to the United States of the war in Afghanistan, overall, do you think it has been worth fighting or has it not been worth fighting?		
		Worth fighting	Not worth fighting	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		40%	54%	6%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	32%	62%	6%
	Republican	52%	43%	5%
	Independent	40%	54%	5%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		49%	47%	4%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	40%	55%	5%
	Moderate	39%	57%	5%
	Conservative	44%	51%	6%
<b>Interview Date</b>	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	40%	54%	6%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	39%	54%	7%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	46%	51%	4%
	Midwest	39%	56%	5%
	South	39%	52%	8%
	West	35%	59%	5%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	36%	58%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	52%	4%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	37%	56%	7%
	College graduate	44%	51%	4%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	47%	48%	5%
	45 or older	36%	58%	6%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	44%	50%	6%
	30 to 44	49%	47%	4%
	45 to 59	43%	54%	2%
	60 or older	30%	60%	10%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	42%	52%	6%
	Gen X (31-46)	50%	46%	4%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	42%	54%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	25%	64%	11%
<b>Race</b>	White	42%	51%	6%
	Non-white	32%	62%	6%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	40%	56%	4%
	Women	39%	52%	8%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	39%	56%	5%
	Cell Phone	43%	48%	9%

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## President Obama Handling of the Situation in Libya

*Asked of Registered Voters*

**Question Wording:** Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the situation in Libya?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the situation in Libya?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>44%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>18%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>22%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>20%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>14%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Interview Date</b>	<b>Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>16%</b>
	<b>Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>17%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>16%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>17%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>18%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>18%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>18%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>24%</b>
	<b>30 to 44</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>14%</b>
	<b>45 to 59</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>17%</b>
	<b>60 or older</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>16%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>15%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>15%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>16%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>14%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>23%</b>

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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		45%	47%	8%
Party ID	Democrat	81%	12%	7%
	Republican	12%	84%	4%
	Independent	39%	51%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	82%	1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	83%	15%	2%
	Moderate	50%	40%	11%
	Conservative	24%	70%	6%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	47%	46%	8%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	42%	48%	10%
Region	Northeast	49%	41%	10%
	Midwest	41%	52%	7%
	South	43%	49%	8%
	West	52%	40%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	47%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	48%	45%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	49%	8%
	College graduate	48%	44%	9%
Age	Under 45	49%	40%	11%
	45 or older	44%	50%	6%
Age	18 to 29	45%	43%	12%
	30 to 44	52%	39%	10%
	45 to 59	45%	51%	4%
	60 or older	42%	50%	8%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	46%	40%	14%
	Gen X (31-46)	49%	44%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	46%	49%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	41%	50%	9%
Race	White	41%	53%	6%
	Non-white	57%	30%	13%
Gender	Men	42%	48%	10%
	Women	48%	45%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	49%	7%
	Cell Phone	50%	38%	12%

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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%
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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## 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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		50%	44%	6%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	84%	12%	4%
	Republican	12%	83%	5%
	Independent	47%	45%	7%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		17%	80%	3%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	81%	16%	3%
	Moderate	61%	32%	7%
	Conservative	25%	69%	5%
<b>Interview Date</b>	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	50%	44%	6%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	48%	45%	7%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	57%	35%	8%
	Midwest	46%	48%	6%
	South	45%	49%	6%
	West	55%	41%	4%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	48%	46%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	43%	5%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	47%	47%	6%
	College graduate	53%	41%	6%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	55%	39%	6%
	45 or older	47%	48%	5%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	54%	39%	7%
	30 to 44	55%	39%	6%
	45 to 59	46%	48%	5%
	60 or older	47%	47%	6%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	54%	39%	7%
	Gen X (31-46)	51%	42%	7%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	48%	47%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	47%	46%	7%
<b>Race</b>	White	45%	50%	5%
	Non-white	63%	30%	7%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	46%	47%	7%
	Women	53%	42%	5%
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	Approve	94%	4%	2%
	Disapprove	8%	89%	3%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	48%	47%	5%
	Cell Phone	55%	36%	9%

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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 %
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%

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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 %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		27%	63%	10%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	14%	78%	8%
	Republican	58%	35%	7%
	Independent	18%	69%	13%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		46%	49%	5%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	15%	73%	12%
	Moderate	19%	74%	8%
	Conservative	43%	50%	7%
<b>Interview Date</b>	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	26%	65%	9%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	31%	57%	11%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	23%	65%	12%
	Midwest	35%	55%	10%
	South	29%	63%	8%
	West	19%	70%	11%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	29%	63%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	26%	65%	9%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	29%	61%	10%
	College graduate	25%	66%	9%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	27%	60%	14%
	45 or older	28%	64%	7%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	26%	50%	24%
	30 to 44	27%	66%	7%
	45 to 59	28%	64%	7%
	60 or older	28%	65%	8%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	25%	50%	24%
	Gen X (31-46)	28%	65%	7%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	27%	67%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	28%	63%	9%
<b>Race</b>	White	30%	63%	7%
	Non-white	21%	61%	18%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	28%	63%	9%
	Women	27%	63%	11%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	27%	65%	8%
	Cell Phone	27%	56%	17%

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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		30%	60%	10%
Party ID	Democrat	58%	31%	11%
	Republican	6%	90%	4%
	Independent	23%	66%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		16%	82%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	53%	34%	13%
	Moderate	32%	60%	8%
	Conservative	18%	76%	6%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	30%	60%	10%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	30%	59%	11%
Region	Northeast	31%	56%	13%
	Midwest	32%	58%	10%
	South	26%	66%	8%
	West	35%	54%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	31%	60%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	29%	62%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	59%	10%
	College graduate	29%	61%	9%
Age	Under 45	37%	48%	15%
	45 or older	26%	67%	7%
Age	18 to 29	44%	39%	18%
	30 to 44	33%	54%	13%
	45 to 59	26%	68%	6%
	60 or older	27%	66%	7%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	42%	40%	18%
	Gen X (31-46)	32%	56%	12%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	26%	69%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	28%	64%	9%
Race	White	25%	69%	6%
	Non-white	43%	38%	20%
Gender	Men	23%	67%	10%
	Women	36%	54%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	29%	64%	7%
	Cell Phone	35%	46%	19%

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## 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		32%	59%	9%
Registered Voters		32%	59%	8%
Party ID	Democrat	55%	37%	9%
	Republican	9%	87%	4%
	Independent	31%	62%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		14%	84%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	56%	33%	11%
	Moderate	39%	53%	8%
	Conservative	16%	79%	6%
Interview Date	Wednesday 6/15-Tuesday 6/21	32%	58%	9%
	Wednesday 6/22-Thursday 6/23	30%	61%	9%
Region	Northeast	37%	55%	8%
	Midwest	31%	60%	8%
	South	27%	64%	9%
	West	36%	53%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	29%	61%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	56%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	61%	8%
	College graduate	32%	57%	11%
Age	Under 45	37%	53%	9%
	45 or older	28%	64%	9%
Age	18 to 29	36%	52%	12%
	30 to 44	38%	54%	7%
	45 to 59	28%	66%	6%
	60 or older	28%	61%	12%
Race	White	27%	66%	7%
	Non-white	44%	44%	12%
Gender	Men	31%	59%	10%
	Women	33%	60%	8%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	61%	28%	11%
	Disapprove	6%	92%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	63%	7%
	Cell Phone	37%	49%	13%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted June 15th through June 23rd, 2011, N=1003 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## 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 %
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%