# Turnout Key for Midterm Elections 

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## This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

While Democrats have the edge among registered voters nationwide heading into next week's midterm elections for Congress, Republicans have the advantage among those who are most likely to vote.

According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, 47\% of registered voters nationwide report they are more likely to vote for a Democrat in their district while $41 \%$ say they are more likely to support a Republican. Six percent do not plan to vote for either party's candidate, and 6\% are undecided.

When looking at likely voters nationally, neither party has the competitive edge. Among this group of voters, $46 \%$ say they are more likely to vote for a Democrat while $46 \%$ report they are more likely to support a Republican candidate. Four percent will not vote for either party's candidate, and the same proportion -- $4 \%--$ are undecided.

However, Republicans gain the advantage among voters who are the most likely to go to the polls on Election Day. Here, 49\% report they are more likely to vote for a Republican candidate while 43\% say they are more likely to support a Democrat. Three percent believe they will not vote for either party's candidate, and $4 \%$ are undecided.
"With numbers like these, it's no wonder both parties are putting the pedal to the floor to get their supporters out," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "What location is to real estate, turnout is to this year's political landscape."

## Democrats Narrow Enthusiasm Gap

Four in ten registered voters nationally -- 40\% -- report they are very enthusiastic about voting in next Tuesday's elections. In McClatchy-Marist's October $8^{\text {th }}$ survey, $36 \%$ reported a similar level of enthusiasm.

Republican voters continue to be more energized than Democrats about casting their ballot on Election Day, but Democrats have narrowed the enthusiasm divide. Currently, 49\% of Republicans compared with $35 \%$ of Democrats express a high level enthusiasm, a 14 percentage point difference. In McClatchy-Marist's previous poll, that difference stood at 23 percentage points. At that time, a majority of Republicans -- $51 \%$-- said they were very
enthusiastic about voting on Election Day compared with 28\% of Democrats. There has also been a bump in the proportion of independent voters who are very enthusiastic. 38\% feel this way now compared with $32 \%$ a few weeks ago.

Age and gender gaps remain on this question. The youngest members of the electorate -those 18 to 29 -- are underwhelmed by the upcoming elections. Only $13 \%$ report they are very enthusiastic about voting compared with $11 \%$ earlier this month. The eldest members of the electorate -- those 60 or older -- outpace their youngest counterparts on enthusiasm by nearly four-to-one. Half of those over $60-$-- 50\% -- now report a high level of enthusiasm. $48 \%$ had a similar degree of enthusiasm in McClatchy-Marist's early October survey.

Looking at gender, $44 \%$ of male voters and $37 \%$ of female voters say they are very excited about voting on Election Day. 39\% and 32\%, respectively, reported the same earlier this month.

## Obama Approval Rating Inches Upward

President Barack Obama has a slight increase in his job approval rating. 48\% of registered voters nationally say they approve of his job performance, $43 \%$ disapprove, and $9 \%$ are unsure. In a McClatchy-Marist survey earlier this month, 43\% approved, half disapproved, and $7 \%$ were unsure.

Democrats and independents are responsible for this uptick in the president's rating. 79\% of Democrats currently say they approve of the president's job performance compared with $74 \%$ earlier this month. Nearly half of independents -- 48\% -- share this positive opinion of Mr. Obama's performance. This is a 13 percentage point increase since McClatchy-Marist's last national survey when $35 \%$ held this view. Among Republican voters, $14 \%$ approve of the president's job performance while $12 \%$ did so earlier in October.

One wrinkle for Obama, though, is that half of voters still say he has fallen below their expectations as president. In Marist's September $22^{\text {nd }}$ survey, $54 \%$ said the same.

## Economic Conditions Still Viewed as Inherited

Six in ten registered voters -- 60\% -- believe President Obama mostly inherited today's economic conditions from the Bush years. These perceptions are bolstered by $85 \%$ of Democrats and $61 \%$ of independents who share this view. $30 \%$ of registered voters report the nation's economic conditions are a result of the president's own policies, including 59\% of Republicans.

## Americans Divide Over Future of the U.S. Economy

When thinking about the future of the U.S. economy, registered voters divide. 47\% are more optimistic and say the worst is behind us, $45 \%$ are more pessimistic and think the economy will get worse, and $8 \%$ are unsure. A few weeks ago, $49 \%$ said there is bad economic news on the horizon, $46 \%$ said better days are ahead, and $5 \%$ were unsure.

Among likely voters nationally, $48 \%$ report the worst is behind us, $44 \%$ say the worst is yet to come, and $9 \%$ are unsure.

Looking at Americans overall, when thinking about the future of the U.S. economy, 47\% believe the worst is yet to come while $45 \%$ say the worst is behind us. $8 \%$ are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, half -- 50\% -- thought the worst was yet to come, 46\% said it was behind us, and $4 \%$ were unsure.

## Obama Viewed Favorably by Majority

A majority of registered voters -- 54\% -- have a favorable impression of President Barack Obama while $41 \%$ have an unfavorable one. 5\% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's early October survey, half -- 50\% -- thought highly of the president, $47 \%$ did not, and $3 \%$ were unsure.

## Nearly Half Plan to Support Incumbent

46\% of registered voters report they will support their current elected congressperson on Election Day while $41 \%$ believe they will vote for someone else. $13 \%$ are undecided. In McClatchy-Marist's September $22^{\text {nd }}$ survey, $48 \%$ said they would support the incumbent, $43 \%$ wanted someone else, and $9 \%$ were undecided.

A majority of Republicans -- 54\% -- say they want someone new in office while $38 \%$ say they want to stick with their current elected official. Just $8 \%$ are undecided. In contrast, a majority of Democrats -- 54\% -- report they plan to support their incumbent. $26 \%$ think they will vote for someone else, and 20\% are undecided. Independent voters divide with $46 \%$ saying they want their incumbent to remain and $44 \%$ reporting they want someone else to be elected. $10 \%$ are undecided.

## Majority of Americans View Nation as On the Wrong Path

$52 \%$ of U.S. residents think the nation is moving in the wrong direction while $38 \%$ believe it is moving along the right path. $10 \%$ are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's September $22^{\text {nd }}$ survey, $56 \%$ thought the country needed a new compass, $41 \%$ said the nation was on track, and $3 \%$ were unsure.

## Nature of the Sample: 917 U.S. Residents

This survey of 917 United States residents was conducted on October $22^{\text {nd }}$ through October $25^{\text {th }}, 2010$. Residents 18 years of age and older 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 $\pm 3.3$ percentage points. There are 807 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within $\pm 3.5$ percentage points. There are 461 likely voters and 350 most likely to vote. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within $\pm 5.0$ and $\pm 5.5$ percentage points, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

| Nature of the Sample - USA Residents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | USA Residents |  |
|  |  | Count | Col \% |
| USA Residents |  | 917 | 100\% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 807 | 88\% |
| Region | Northeast | 174 | 19\% |
|  | Midwest | 202 | 22\% |
|  | South | 339 | 37\% |
|  | West | 202 | 22\% |
| Income | Less \$50,000 | 394 | 51\% |
|  | \$50,000-\$99,999 | 238 | 31\% |
|  | \$100,000 or more | 138 | 18\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 394 | 51\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 376 | 49\% |
| Race | White | 596 | 68\% |
|  | African American | 92 | 10\% |
|  | Latino | 101 | 12\% |
|  | Other | 92 | 10\% |
| Race | White | 596 | 68\% |
|  | Non-white | 284 | 32\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 361 | 41\% |
|  | 45 or older | 529 | 59\% |
| Gender | Men | 449 | 49\% |
|  | Women | 468 | 51\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 660 | 72\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 257 | 28\% |

October 28, 2010 Marist Poll National Residents "N=917 MOE +/-3.3\%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

| Nature of the Sample - USA Registered Voters |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | USA Registered Voters |  |
|  |  | Count | Col \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 807 | 100\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 461 | 57\% |
| Most Likely to Vote |  | 350 | 43\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 266 | 34\% |
|  | Republican | 220 | 28\% |
|  | Independent | 275 | 35\% |
|  | Other | 18 | 3\% |
| Support Tea Party | Yes | 234 | 29\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 319 | 40\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 260 | 33\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 214 | 27\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 195 | 26\% |
|  | Moderate | 290 | 38\% |
|  | Conservative | 275 | 36\% |
| Region | Northeast | 156 | 19\% |
|  | Midwest | 187 | 23\% |
|  | South | 295 | 37\% |
|  | West | 169 | 21\% |
| Income | Less \$50,000 | 324 | 48\% |
|  | \$50,000-\$99,999 | 219 | 33\% |
|  | \$100,000 or more | 129 | 19\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 324 | 48\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 348 | 52\% |
| Race | White | 539 | 70\% |
|  | African American | 85 | 11\% |
|  | Latino | 81 | 10\% |
|  | Other | 67 | 9\% |
| Race | White | 539 | 70\% |
|  | Non-white | 233 | 30\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 288 | 37\% |
|  | 45 or older | 494 | 63\% |
| Gender | Men | 383 | 47\% |
|  | Women | 424 | 53\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 605 | 75\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 202 | 25\% |

October 28, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters "N=807
MOE +/- $3.5 \%$ " Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.


October 28, 2010 Marist Poll National Likely Voters "N=461 MOE +/-5\%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

| Nature of the Sample - Most Likely to Vote |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Most Likely to Vote |  |
|  |  | Count | Col \% |
| Most Likely to Vote |  | 350 | 100\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 107 | 31\% |
|  | Republican | 117 | 34\% |
|  | Independent | 108 | 31\% |
|  | Other | 13 | 4\% |
| Support Tea Party | Yes | 136 | 39\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 247 | 72\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 69 | 20\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 28 | 8\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 70 | 20\% |
|  | Moderate | 122 | 36\% |
|  | Conservative | 151 | 44\% |
| Region | Northeast | 61 | 17\% |
|  | Midwest | 72 | 21\% |
|  | South | 140 | 40\% |
|  | West | 77 | 22\% |
| Income | Less \$50,000 | 131 | 45\% |
|  | \$50,000-\$99,999 | 99 | 34\% |
|  | \$100,000 or more | 63 | 21\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 131 | 45\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 162 | 55\% |
| Race | White | 249 | 75\% |
|  | Non-white | 83 | 25\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 74 | 22\% |
|  | 45 or older | 264 | 78\% |
| Gender | Men | 181 | 52\% |
|  | Women | 169 | 48\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 281 | 80\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 69 | 20\% |

October 28, 2010 Marist Poll National Most Likely to Vote " $\mathrm{N}=350 \mathrm{MOE}+/-5.5 \%$ " Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## McClatchy-Marist Poll National Survey October 28, 2010

|  |  | USA 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 | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 47\% | 41\% | 6\% | 6\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 46\% | 46\% | 4\% | 4\% |
| Most Likely to Vote |  | 43\% | 49\% | 3\% | 4\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 89\% | 7\% | <1\% | 4\% |
|  | Republican | 11\% | 86\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | Independent | 41\% | 38\% | 13\% | 8\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 13\% | 78\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 88\% | 4\% | <1\% | 8\% |
|  | Democrat women | 90\% | 8\% | <1\% | 2\% |
|  | Republican men | 8\% | 88\% | 3\% | 1\% |
|  | Republican women | 13\% | 85\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Independent men | 46\% | 35\% | 14\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent women | 36\% | 41\% | 11\% | 12\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 90\% | 8\% | <1\% | 2\% |
|  | Moderate | 51\% | 32\% | 8\% | 9\% |
|  | Conservative | 14\% | 74\% | 6\% | 6\% |
| Region | Northeast | 56\% | 33\% | 2\% | 9\% |
|  | Midwest | 43\% | 40\% | 10\% | 6\% |
|  | South | 45\% | 43\% | 6\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 49\% | 42\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 51\% | 36\% | 6\% | 7\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 49\% | 42\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 47\% | 40\% | 5\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 49\% | 40\% | 7\% | 3\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 56\% | 35\% | 6\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 or older | 42\% | 45\% | 6\% | 7\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 57\% | 34\% | 3\% | 6\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 55\% | 35\% | 7\% | 2\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 40\% | 48\% | 6\% | 7\% |
|  | 60 or older | 45\% | 41\% | 6\% | 8\% |
| Gender | Men | 45\% | 41\% | 8\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 49\% | 40\% | 4\% | 6\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 32\% | 56\% | 7\% | 6\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 63\% | 27\% | 4\% | 6\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 82\% | 10\% | 4\% | 4\% |
|  | Disapprove | 12\% | 75\% | 8\% | 5\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 43\% | 43\% | 7\% | 7\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 59\% | 33\% | 4\% | 4\% |

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|  |  | USA Registered Voters |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Thinking about this November's elections, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting in the elections in November? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Very enthusiastic | Somewhat enthusiastic | Not too enthusiastic | Not enthusiastic at all |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 40\% | 33\% | 17\% | 10\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 62\% | 27\% | 8\% | 3\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 35\% | 40\% | 16\% | 10\% |
|  | Republican | 49\% | 29\% | 12\% | 10\% |
|  | Independent | 38\% | 31\% | 22\% | 9\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 58\% | 26\% | 11\% | 6\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 33\% | 35\% | 20\% | 11\% |
|  | Democrat women | 36\% | 43\% | 13\% | 9\% |
|  | Republican men | 55\% | 34\% | 6\% | 5\% |
|  | Republican women | 44\% | 25\% | 18\% | 14\% |
|  | Independent men | 44\% | 31\% | 20\% | 6\% |
|  | Independent women | 31\% | 32\% | 24\% | 13\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 35\% | 37\% | 21\% | 7\% |
|  | Moderate | 34\% | 35\% | 20\% | 12\% |
|  | Conservative | 52\% | 28\% | 11\% | 8\% |
| Region | Northeast | 31\% | 33\% | 21\% | 14\% |
|  | Midwest | 38\% | 36\% | 16\% | 9\% |
|  | South | 43\% | 31\% | 19\% | 7\% |
|  | West | 45\% | 32\% | 13\% | 10\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 40\% | 35\% | 15\% | 11\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 42\% | 31\% | 18\% | 10\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 36\% | 34\% | 19\% | 11\% |
|  | College graduate | 45\% | 31\% | 16\% | 8\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 25\% | 43\% | 19\% | 13\% |
|  | 45 or older | 50\% | 27\% | 16\% | 8\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 13\% | 54\% | 20\% | 13\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 32\% | 37\% | 18\% | 13\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 50\% | 28\% | 17\% | 6\% |
|  | 60 or older | 50\% | 26\% | 15\% | 10\% |
| Gender | Men | 44\% | 32\% | 17\% | 7\% |
|  | Women | 37\% | 33\% | 18\% | 12\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 41\% | 29\% | 16\% | 14\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 40\% | 38\% | 17\% | 5\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 37\% | 37\% | 18\% | 8\% |
|  | Disapprove | 49\% | 27\% | 14\% | 10\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 42\% | 31\% | 18\% | 10\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 35\% | 39\% | 17\% | 8\% |

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|  |  | USA Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president? |  |  |
|  |  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 48\% | 43\% | 9\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 47\% | 48\% | 5\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 43\% | 52\% | 5\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 54\% | 35\% | 11\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 46\% | 39\% | 14\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 79\% | 13\% | 8\% |
|  | Republican | 14\% | 78\% | 8\% |
|  | Independent | 48\% | 43\% | 10\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 17\% | 80\% | 3\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 77\% | 16\% | 6\% |
|  | Democrat women | 80\% | 11\% | 10\% |
|  | Republican men | 14\% | 80\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican women | 14\% | 76\% | 10\% |
|  | Independent men | 46\% | 50\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent women | 50\% | 34\% | 16\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 82\% | 11\% | 7\% |
|  | Moderate | 54\% | 35\% | 12\% |
|  | Conservative | 16\% | 77\% | 7\% |
| Region | Northeast | 54\% | 33\% | 13\% |
|  | Midwest | 48\% | 43\% | 9\% |
|  | South | 44\% | 49\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 48\% | 40\% | 12\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 52\% | 38\% | 10\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 49\% | 44\% | 7\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 46\% | 41\% | 13\% |
|  | College graduate | 52\% | 43\% | 5\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 57\% | 32\% | 11\% |
|  | 45 or older | 43\% | 49\% | 8\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 69\% | 18\% | 13\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 50\% | 39\% | 11\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 40\% | 52\% | 8\% |
|  | 60 or older | 46\% | 46\% | 9\% |
| Gender | Men | 44\% | 50\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 51\% | 37\% | 12\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 27\% | 62\% | 11\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 67\% | 24\% | 8\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 45\% | 45\% | 10\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 56\% | 36\% | 9\% |

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|  |  | USA Registered Voters |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Overall, has Barack Obama met your expectations, exceeded your expectations, or fallen below your expectations as president? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Met your expectations | Exceeded your expectations | Fallen below your expectations | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 38\% | 9\% | 50\% | 3\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 34\% | 10\% | 54\% | 2\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 29\% | 12\% | 57\% | 2\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 49\% | 6\% | 43\% | 3\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 39\% | 8\% | 48\% | 4\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 59\% | 14\% | 25\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican | 16\% | 2\% | 80\% | 2\% |
|  | Independent | 37\% | 10\% | 50\% | 3\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 15\% | 4\% | 79\% | 2\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 59\% | 14\% | 25\% | 1\% |
|  | Democrat women | 59\% | 13\% | 24\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican men | 16\% | 2\% | 80\% | 2\% |
|  | Republican women | 15\% | 2\% | 80\% | 2\% |
|  | Independent men | 35\% | 10\% | 53\% | 1\% |
|  | Independent women | 39\% | 11\% | 45\% | 5\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 62\% | 16\% | 21\% | 2\% |
|  | Moderate | 44\% | 8\% | 46\% | 2\% |
|  | Conservative | 15\% | 5\% | 77\% | 4\% |
| Region | Northeast | 45\% | 7\% | 48\% | <1\% |
|  | Midwest | 41\% | 6\% | 49\% | 4\% |
|  | South | 31\% | 13\% | 53\% | 3\% |
|  | West | 41\% | 7\% | 46\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 39\% | 11\% | 47\% | 3\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 42\% | 8\% | 48\% | 2\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 39\% | 8\% | 49\% | 4\% |
|  | College graduate | 38\% | 9\% | 50\% | 2\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 47\% | 9\% | 41\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 or older | 33\% | 9\% | 55\% | 3\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 58\% | 7\% | 32\% | 3\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 42\% | 10\% | 46\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 33\% | 8\% | 58\% | 1\% |
|  | 60 or older | 33\% | 10\% | 51\% | 6\% |
| Gender | Men | 37\% | 9\% | 53\% | 2\% |
|  | Women | 39\% | 9\% | 47\% | 4\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 23\% | 6\% | 67\% | 4\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 53\% | 12\% | 33\% | 2\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 69\% | 16\% | 13\% | 1\% |
|  | Disapprove | 6\% | 1\% | 91\% | 1\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 35\% | 8\% | 53\% | 4\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 46\% | 12\% | 42\% | <1\% |

[^0]|  |  | USA 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 \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 60\% | 30\% | 10\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 57\% | 34\% | 9\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 50\% | 41\% | 9\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 65\% | 25\% | 10\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 67\% | 22\% | 11\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 85\% | 11\% | 5\% |
|  | Republican | 28\% | 59\% | 13\% |
|  | Independent | 61\% | 29\% | 11\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 24\% | 63\% | 13\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 87\% | 9\% | 4\% |
|  | Democrat women | 84\% | 11\% | 5\% |
|  | Republican men | 26\% | 64\% | 10\% |
|  | Republican women | 30\% | 54\% | 16\% |
|  | Independent men | 58\% | 29\% | 13\% |
|  | Independent women | 64\% | 28\% | 8\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 84\% | 13\% | 3\% |
|  | Moderate | 72\% | 20\% | 8\% |
|  | Conservative | 29\% | 57\% | 14\% |
| Region | Northeast | 62\% | 30\% | 7\% |
|  | Midwest | 62\% | 30\% | 8\% |
|  | South | 58\% | 31\% | 12\% |
|  | West | 58\% | 31\% | 11\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 64\% | 27\% | 9\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 60\% | 33\% | 7\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 60\% | 31\% | 10\% |
|  | College graduate | 61\% | 31\% | 9\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 69\% | 26\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 or older | 55\% | 33\% | 12\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 73\% | 21\% | 6\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 67\% | 28\% | 5\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 55\% | 34\% | 12\% |
|  | 60 or older | 55\% | 33\% | 12\% |
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| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 91\% | 6\% | 2\% |
|  | Disapprove | 22\% | 62\% | 16\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 57\% | 32\% | 10\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 67\% | 25\% | 8\% |

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|  |  | USA Residents |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view: |  |  |
|  |  | The worst is yet to come | The worst is behind us | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Residents |  | 47\% | 45\% | 8\% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 45\% | 47\% | 8\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 44\% | 48\% | 9\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 46\% | 47\% | 7\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 40\% | 53\% | 6\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 49\% | 39\% | 11\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 31\% | 60\% | 9\% |
|  | Republican | 60\% | 34\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent | 48\% | 46\% | 6\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 63\% | 31\% | 6\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 30\% | 63\% | 7\% |
|  | Democrat women | 32\% | 58\% | 10\% |
|  | Republican men | 56\% | 41\% | 2\% |
|  | Republican women | 64\% | 28\% | 8\% |
|  | Independent men | 45\% | 45\% | 10\% |
|  | Independent women | 51\% | 46\% | 3\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 29\% | 65\% | 6\% |
|  | Moderate | 40\% | 52\% | 8\% |
|  | Conservative | 61\% | 30\% | 9\% |
| Region | Northeast | 52\% | 41\% | 7\% |
|  | Midwest | 44\% | 48\% | 8\% |
|  | South | 46\% | 47\% | 8\% |
|  | West | 47\% | 41\% | 12\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 52\% | 39\% | 9\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 43\% | 51\% | 5\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 52\% | 40\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 41\% | 52\% | 7\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 47\% | 49\% | 5\% |
|  | 45 or older | 46\% | 43\% | 11\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 47\% | 50\% | 3\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 46\% | 48\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 43\% | 47\% | 10\% |
|  | 60 or older | 50\% | 38\% | 12\% |
| Gender | Men | 45\% | 47\% | 8\% |
|  | Women | 48\% | 43\% | 9\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 27\% | 64\% | 9\% |
|  | Disapprove | 67\% | 26\% | 7\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 47\% | 45\% | 8\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 46\% | 46\% | 8\% |

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|  |  | USA Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama? |  |  |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | UnsureNever Heard |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 54\% | 41\% | 5\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 52\% | 45\% | 3\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 45\% | 51\% | 4\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 63\% | 30\% | 7\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 54\% | 39\% | 7\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 81\% | 13\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican | 18\% | 78\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent | 56\% | 39\% | 5\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 20\% | 78\% | 2\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 79\% | 18\% | 3\% |
|  | Democrat women | 83\% | 9\% | 8\% |
|  | Republican men | 16\% | 79\% | 5\% |
|  | Republican women | 20\% | 77\% | 2\% |
|  | Independent men | 51\% | 47\% | 2\% |
|  | Independent women | 60\% | 31\% | 9\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 86\% | 11\% | 3\% |
|  | Moderate | 59\% | 32\% | 8\% |
|  | Conservative | 23\% | 75\% | 2\% |
| Region | Northeast | 64\% | 33\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 52\% | 42\% | 6\% |
|  | South | 48\% | 47\% | 5\% |
|  | West | 55\% | 37\% | 8\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 58\% | 36\% | 7\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 54\% | 43\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 52\% | 40\% | 7\% |
|  | College graduate | 57\% | 40\% | 3\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 62\% | 30\% | 8\% |
|  | 45 or older | 49\% | 47\% | 4\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 63\% | 24\% | 13\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 62\% | 33\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 47\% | 52\% | 1\% |
|  | 60 or older | 50\% | 42\% | 8\% |
| Gender | Men | 49\% | 47\% | 4\% |
|  | Women | 58\% | 35\% | 7\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 33\% | 62\% | 4\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 73\% | 21\% | 6\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 96\% | 2\% | 2\% |
|  | Disapprove | 7\% | 89\% | 4\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 51\% | 43\% | 6\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 61\% | 34\% | 6\% |

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|  |  | USA Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | If November's election for Congress were held today, would you support your current congress person who represents your district in Washington D.C. or would you vote for someone else? |  |  |
|  |  | Support your current congress person | Vote for someone else | Undecided |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 46\% | 41\% | 13\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 49\% | 42\% | 9\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 54\% | 26\% | 20\% |
|  | Republican | 38\% | 54\% | 8\% |
|  | Independent | 46\% | 44\% | 10\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 38\% | 53\% | 8\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 59\% | 22\% | 19\% |
|  | Democrat women | 51\% | 28\% | 20\% |
|  | Republican men | 40\% | 58\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican women | 37\% | 50\% | 13\% |
|  | Independent men | 46\% | 43\% | 11\% |
|  | Independent women | 46\% | 46\% | 8\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 64\% | 24\% | 13\% |
|  | Moderate | 43\% | 44\% | 13\% |
|  | Conservative | 39\% | 49\% | 12\% |
| Region | Northeast | 47\% | 36\% | 18\% |
|  | Midwest | 45\% | 43\% | 12\% |
|  | South | 48\% | 42\% | 10\% |
|  | West | 44\% | 41\% | 15\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 46\% | 42\% | 13\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 48\% | 41\% | 11\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 43\% | 40\% | 18\% |
|  | College graduate | 50\% | 42\% | 8\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 44\% | 42\% | 14\% |
|  | 45 or older | 48\% | 39\% | 13\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 56\% | 29\% | 15\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 38\% | 49\% | 13\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 50\% | 39\% | 11\% |
|  | 60 or older | 46\% | 39\% | 15\% |
| Gender | Men | 47\% | 42\% | 11\% |
|  | Women | 45\% | 40\% | 15\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 34\% | 51\% | 15\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 57\% | 32\% | 10\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 60\% | 27\% | 13\% |
|  | Disapprove | 35\% | 56\% | 9\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 45\% | 42\% | 13\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 50\% | 37\% | 13\% |

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|  |  | USA Residents |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 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 \% |
| USA Residents |  | 38\% | 52\% | 10\% |
| USA Registered Voters |  | 38\% | 52\% | 10\% |
| USA Likely Voters |  | 39\% | 54\% | 7\% |
| Enthusiasm About Voting in November | Very enthusiastic | 39\% | 56\% | 5\% |
|  | Enthusiastic | 44\% | 44\% | 12\% |
|  | Not enthusiastic | 29\% | 55\% | 16\% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 59\% | 26\% | 15\% |
|  | Republican | 15\% | 81\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent | 39\% | 52\% | 10\% |
| Tea Party Supporters |  | 15\% | 82\% | 3\% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 63\% | 26\% | 11\% |
|  | Democrat women | 56\% | 25\% | 18\% |
|  | Republican men | 22\% | 74\% | 4\% |
|  | Republican women | 9\% | 87\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent men | 36\% | 55\% | 8\% |
|  | Independent women | 41\% | 48\% | 12\% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 62\% | 26\% | 13\% |
|  | Moderate | 41\% | 47\% | 12\% |
|  | Conservative | 18\% | 76\% | 6\% |
| Region | Northeast | 36\% | 51\% | 13\% |
|  | Midwest | 40\% | 51\% | 10\% |
|  | South | 39\% | 53\% | 9\% |
|  | West | 37\% | 53\% | 10\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 40\% | 50\% | 10\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 41\% | 50\% | 9\% |
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|  | College graduate | 36\% | 54\% | 10\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 48\% | 42\% | 9\% |
|  | 45 or older | 31\% | 58\% | 11\% |
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|  | 30 to 44 | 43\% | 49\% | 7\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 32\% | 59\% | 9\% |
|  | 60 or older | 30\% | 57\% | 13\% |
| Gender | Men | 38\% | 54\% | 8\% |
|  | Women | 38\% | 50\% | 12\% |
| Views of U.S. Economy | The worst is yet to come | 17\% | 77\% | 7\% |
|  | The worst is behind us | 63\% | 28\% | 9\% |
| Obama Approval Rating | Approve | 68\% | 19\% | 13\% |
|  | Disapprove | 10\% | 88\% | 2\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 35\% | 55\% | 10\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 47\% | 43\% | 10\% |

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